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More than 3,000 Soldiers and Family members turned out for the regiment's final run along Vilseck's main streets June 29.

## 2SCR pounds pavement during final unit run before deployment

Story and photos by KATIE COWART  
Assistant editor

In a show of force, thousands of 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment Soldiers gathered June 29 for a final regimental run before their impending deployment.

The troops amassed outside their headquarters building on Vilseck to kick off the 7:30 event. The installation's main roads were blocked off to allow the 3,000-Soldier formation to maneuver, and family members flanked both sides of the streets with signs and shouts of encouragement during the early morning event.

"The Families have a chance to see their loved ones participating in the run, cheer on the regiment, and the Families receive an understanding of how big the unit is," said Maj. Jon Pendell, the regiment's S7 and spokesperson.

Pendell said the Family's participation would also make them feel even more a part of the 2SCR Family.

Select 2SCR Soldiers were presented awards for participating in the Joint Multinational

Training Center rotation 07-06, and on the regiment's boxing, track, and triathlon team.

After recognizing these Soldiers, 2SCR Commander Col. John RisCassi and Pendell, spoke encouraging words to the troops about the upcoming deployment and about the run itself.

"From my position up here, we're going to bring everyone back," RisCassi said. "Keep that positive spirit up!"

The 2SCR, which relocated from Fort Lewis, Wash., to U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr last summer, will depart for a 15-month tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in August.

The unit's final regimental run, pacing approximately nine miles an hour, was organized to "build and increase unit esprit de corps as a single regiment among our Soldiers and their Families," said Pendell.

"Esprit de corps is important because it builds morale within units, strengthens bonds, builds teamwork, and camaraderie, and allows the Soldiers to see that they are a part of something bigger than their squads or companies," he said.

During the run, each company sang their own cadence to keep in step. Some companies dedicated the cadence to Family members cheering them on.



Family members lined the route June 29 to cheer their Soldiers on.

## Deadline set for college registration by Soldiers

IMCOM-E Public Affairs

Soldiers using Army Tuition Assistance and planning to enroll for college classes that have start dates through Sept. 30 must do so before Sept. 24.

"Attempts to enroll in courses after Sept. 24 will not be approved," said L. Dian Stoskopf, chief of Army Education.

This enrollment cut-off is necessary, Stoskopf said, to allow for the fiscal year change-over.

The cut-off, however, has no impact on eArmyU course enrollments or registration for classes starting Oct. 1 or later. These enrollments will be funded by the Soldier's fiscal year 2008, \$4,500 TA authorization, noted Jeanette Johnson Installation Management Command-Europe tuition assistance program manager.

All eArmyU course enrollments are covered under a contract and differ from the way traditional TA is obligated.

Installation education services officers throughout Europe will work very closely with their on-post academic institutions to ensure registration deadlines are met, Johnson said. However, Soldiers are encouraged to still contact their education offices to ensure the process is completed and to discuss any "holds" they may have on their accounts.



## DoD offers \$1M cash prize for wearable power innovations

by DONNA MILES

American Forces Press Service

A typical dismounted troop going out for a four-day mission carries as much as 40 pounds of batteries and rechargers in his pack. The Defense Department wants to reduce that load significantly, and it's dangling a \$1 million carrot to entice people to help them do it.

The Defense Department launched its "wearable power" prize competition Thursday to come up with new innovations to lighten warfighters' loads.

The goal is to reduce the weight for the power system that drives radios, night-vision devices, global positioning systems and other combat gear, including a recharging system, to about 2 pounds per day, explained William Rees, deputy undersecretary of laboratories and basic sciences.

"The mantra is four days, 4 kilograms," he said.

He expressed hope that a competition will attract some of the best minds in business,

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## Conference empowers NCOs from across the globe



Sergeants major from throughout Europe and Eurasia observe convoy live-fire training at Grafenwoehr.

Story and photos by AIMEE MILLHAM  
Special to American Forces Press Service

Historically, armies in Eastern Europe, Africa and Afghanistan have relied heavily on their officers to make decisions even at the lowest tactical level. But with the asymmetrical face of warfare today, some nations are looking to empower their noncommissioned officers to make the immediate, on-the-ground decisions that affect front-line Soldiers in battle.

"On this warfront, who is out on the convoys?" asked Sgt. Maj. Mariusz Piwonski, sergeant major of Polish Land Forces. "It is the NCOs. They are the ones out there making the big decisions, the decisions that affect the lives

of Soldiers."

This and other topics were addressed during a three-day conference June 20-22 at U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr and brought together 30 sergeants major from across Europe and Eurasia to meet for the first Conference of European Armies for NCOs.

In line with the intent of the U.S. Army, Europe, commander's intent to build tomorrow's coalitions and leaders, the conference was designed to bring leaders from different armies together to exchange ideas, network and engage in open discussions regarding military matters, said U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua

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Find out how  
impending  
deployments  
affect you,  
your Family

by BILYANAATOVA  
Staff writer

For Soldiers and Family members, deployment starts long before the day of departure.

From the time a Soldier receives a warning order for deployment to the day his unit takes flight is considered a pre-deployment period and is laden with an endless amount of to-do's and stress.

During pre-deployment, Family members and Soldiers experience a

range of difficult emotions.

Military research shows that this range of emotion usually starts with shock and anxiousness with the notice of the deployment, followed by some form of grief, denial and sadness, and oftentimes anger, distancing, and resentment.

Feelings of loneliness, guilt, and abandonment can play a role as the departure approaches.

Navy Capt. Daphne Brown, a clinical psychologist at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, said while

the degree of emotion and how they handle it will vary from person to person, and "not everybody is going to experience all of (these emotions) or in that order."

One unconscious tactic that Families of deployed service members face is emotional distancing, said Brown. This is when Soldiers overwhelmingly busy themselves with work or relationships outside of the home prior to deployment.

"The Soldier is preparing to go, so he is pulling back from the Family,"

said Brown. "He (or she) has to invest in his mission."

Brown notes, however, that Family members also emotionally distance themselves prior to deployments.

"But the spouse does it from a fear that something will happen," she said.

There is also sometimes an increase in arguments between Soldiers and spouses during the pre-deployment period.

"The spouses are going through a

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## DEPLOYMENT 101



## Q&amp;A

Would you pay **\$600**  
for Apple's new  
**iPhone?**



**Zaine Mathers**  
"I'd pay about \$450, with contract. But it's just a phone."

**Kenneth Woods**  
"I don't want to pay the \$600 just for something else to come out later. I think I'd just pay \$200."



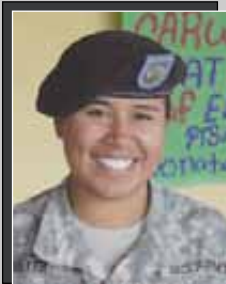
**Amanda Sampract**  
"It's ridiculous to pay that much. I have a computer at home, so only \$200."

**Ashley Moore**  
"I would not pay \$600, or stand in line. I'd pay \$300."



**Sara Chesser**  
"Six-hundred dollars is too much for a phone, I'd only be willing to spend \$400 for all of that."

**Stephanie Wright**  
"I want to buy a PS3, so I would spend no more than on a normal cell phone, about \$100."



**Jessica Weyer**  
"I don't really know. I don't need all of that stuff."

**Stephen Cunningham**  
"It's too much money for a phone. I'd probably pay about \$100."



# Do you know how the garrison policy letters affect you?

The garrison recently completed its annual review of policy letters. These policies are intended to guide community member actions both on and off duty.

It is worthwhile reviewing portions of these policies, as a reminder to people who have lived here for awhile and to inform our new residents of those things we expect of them while they help make this the best place to live and serve in Europe.

## Standards of dress and appearance

We expect our community members and all other personnel who visit our area to meet basic standards of dress.

Policy letter No. 9 explains more fully our expectations but highlights include:

■ Clothing that is imprinted with offensive words or pictures will not be worn.

■ Men and women will not wear clothing that is immodest or overly revealing in any facility on the installation.

■ Military personnel, civilians, and Family members will not be permitted into any facility without shoes and/or shirt. There are some exceptions — see the policy letter for details.

■ You can wear your uniform off post —



just not in places that primarily sell alcohol.

■ You can even wear your physical fitness uniform for breakfast at the DFAF as long as it is not soiled or dirty, is serviceable and complete as specified in AR 670-1.

In addition, guidance on where you can use headphones or Walkman when conducting physical activity on post is also included in the policy letter.

## Quarters control and visitation

Soldiers quarters are just like family housing, and Soldiers should be afforded the same respect that Family members receive.

For that reason, there are some rules that govern actions around these quarters.

They include:

■ Occupants will observe German quiet hours, meaning noise cannot be heard in hallways or adjacent rooms during quiet time.

■ Soldiers may have visitors of either gender in their rooms. If more than one Soldier resides in the room, a Soldier's right to privacy takes priority over visitation rights.

■ Soldiers can have alcohol in their rooms but cannot exceed their normal monthly ration.

Commanders, of course, may have added additional restrictions to these policies but these are the minimum standards units will adhere to in our community.

## Commercial and religious solicitation

As the city manager for this community, I

am accountable for who has access to the members of our installation to include in our build-to-lease quarters.

For that reason, we place conditions on who has access and assign garrison staff members responsibility to ensure these representatives meet our standards.

■ Home-based businesses and agents or representative (anyone who solicits, advertises goods, products, or events) must have an authorization letter from the USAG Grafenwoehr Commercial Affairs Officer.

■ External religious solicitors must coordinate with the garrison chaplain.

Full details of who they have to coordinate with and the standards they must meet are inside garrison policy letter No. 11.

## Area activities abound

Several weekends ago, the garrison held the Asian Pacific Luau, Grafenwoehr community held their annual "fisher fest," and Sorghof held a remembrance ceremony for Soldiers lost in War. And that was just on Saturday. There is plenty to do in our area. I encourage everyone to get out and explore our part of Germany.

*Col. Brian T. Boyle  
Commander, U.S. Army  
Garrison Grafenwoehr*

# Desire to write in books leads to new personal connections for columnist



**JACEY ECKHART**  
*On the Homefront*

I am a glutton for Marthament. So of course I snatched the four pound copy of "Martha Stewart's Homekeeping Handbook" off the new books shelf at the library.

I don't know why I do this kind of thing to myself. I will never own a shiny copper pot or associate with anyone who does. I know that it takes more than the six pages she has allotted to moving to actually move.

It hurts me to see that her knives are all sharpened. My knives are so dull I dress them up and take them to a change of command ceremony and they think it's a hoot.

But I really had to worry when I got to her section about books.

"Don't pull books off the shelf by the binding," Martha wrote. "Don't lay books facedown or dog-ear the pages. DO NOT WRITE IN YOUR BOOKS."

Uh oh. Not only had I already dog-eared the page about knife sharpening, but I'd pressed the book open to make a copy of her instructions for how to wax a table.

I was dying to underline her admonition about writing in books. I didn't. I don't want to be arrested.

But ol' Martha is wrong about books. Maybe it is because I have so little time as a mom to read.

When I do pick up a book or even a magazine that has something I want to remember or some idea that might help with a problem I actually have, I need to write in that book.

I am the kind of reader who can barely understand what I read if I don't underline it, note the brilliant ideas, talk back in the margins.

As much as I get out of writing in my own books, I sure seem to get a lot more from the

stuff other people have written in them.

My favorite weight loss book is one in which another Californian had filled out the weight loss contract inside. She duly wrote down her size and that she wanted to lose 36 pounds. But she hadn't cracked open the rest of the book. Every time I see her hand in this

book it reminds me that if I don't do the exercises, I won't lose the weight. It's better than having a personal trainer.

A few years ago I picked up a copy of "Divorce in the Military" at a Fort Belvoir, Va. thrift store. Some angry person had underlined 80 percent of the book with exclamation points and scribbled instructions: "DO NOT FORGET THIS!" I can't remember anything underlined, but I sure remember the anger inside.

Every time I see the binding of that book I'm a little nicer to my husband. He deserves someone to be nice to him.

Writing in books is also a way to have a relationship with someone I'll never meet.

When we were stationed in Washington, DC, I used to pick up these paperback romances all set in the Regency period in

England. Next to all the historical inaccuracies the other reader wrote biting comments to the authors that made me laugh out loud.

I always hoped I would run into her gnashing her teeth in the romance section of the library, but I never did. I knew her anyway.

Maybe that is why I think writing on what

we read is such an important practice.

We military folks are always thinking that we float over the surface of the communities we live in, that

we are not fully connected or known.

But we are connected in ways we don't let ourselves see. I'm connected to that librarian at our little library who will look hard at me when she sees that I dog-eared Martha.

I'm connected to my girlfriends who all know better than to lend me a book but they ask me for book titles all the time.

But most of all I am connected to a shared world of ideas collected and discarded and recycled again. I have a whole archeology of other women who are so connected to me.

A 19-year military spouse, Jacey Eckhart is the host of "The Jacey Eckhart Show for Military Families."

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# Visit Web for list of authorized swim sites

by **MICHAEL SCHWARZ**  
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As the summer heat continues, Soldiers, Families, and friends head out and engage in outdoor activities. What better way to beat the heat than to take a dip in a lake or pool to cool off?

Well for one unfortunate Soldier, a quick dip cost him his life: A Soldier and several of his

buddies, other Soldiers, were swimming at a local “swimming hole.”

The Soldier dove into the water from a cliff and submerged. When he remerged, he was showing signs of distress.

Attempts by a buddy to retrieve him were unsuccessful.

His body was later found by local officials.

The local swimming hole was

listed by the Soldiers’ installation as an off-limit area.

Did the Soldiers realize the area was off-limits and decide to go anyhow?

Or was the information not disseminated down to their level?

Individuals need to realize that safety is not only a command and leadership responsibility, but a personal one, too.

As we continue to engage with

our Soldiers, we need to remind them to never give safety a day off.

Utilizing composite risk management as a life skill in all activities, on and off duty, will help reduce preventable accidents and keep our Army strong.

The USAG Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels authorized swimming areas can be found on the Grafenwoehr public Web page at [www.grafenwoehr.army.mil](http://www.grafenwoehr.army.mil).

In short, most “swimming holes” do not meet the definition of an authorized swimming area which include the following:

- Designated swimmer and non-swimmer area
- On-duty lifeguard
- Lifesaving equipment is available
- Surveyed for obstructions (boulders, logs, etc.)
- Water quality

# Summer adventures await at the Grafenwoehr Library

*Grafenwoehr Library*

## Trips

**Tomorrow**

Travel with the staff of the Grafenwoehr Library to the real “Jurassic Park” at Solnhofen’s and Eichstaedt’s world famous Fossil Deposits throughout the Franconian Alb (mountain range). The cost of transportation is \$15 per person and museum and quarry costs is €10 per person.

The bus will depart the Vilseck’s Langenbruck Center at 7:30 a.m. and the Grafenwoehr Library at 8 a.m.

Bring a hat for some shade, plenty of drinks, brown bag lunch and a hammer and chisel to dig for fossils. The tools may also be rented from

the museum for €1.50. Minimum participation is 30 people.

**July 19**

On the road again with the staff of the Grafenwoehr Library for a close to home adventure!

The bus stops this time at the Teufelshoele at Pottenstein for some cave exploring and in the afternoon, we’re off to the Dinosaur Museum in Bayreuth.

The travel cost is \$5 per person, the cave tour costs €3 for adults and €1.50 for children, and the museum entry fee is €2.80 per person.

Lunch will be pay as you go at the Bayreuth McDonalds.

The bus will depart Vilseck’s Langenbruck

Center at 8 a.m. and from the Grafenwoehr Library at 8:30 a.m. Minimum participation is 25 people.

**July 26**

Another close to home exploratory, the library staff will take you to Windeseschenbach to view and climb the European site of the Worldwide Continental Deep Drilling Project, and then on to another site to do some volcano exploration. The transportation cost is \$5 per person and the drilling program is €2 each. The Geopark is also €2.

Wear a hat to shield from the sun and bring a brown bag lunch and plenty to drink. The bus will depart from the Langenbruck Center at 8:15 a.m. and the Graf Library at 8:45 a.m. Minimum

participation of 25 is required.

## Pre-school story time

**Tuesday**

Today, we’ll read some Blue’s Clues adventures and color pages from a few of his mysteries!

**July 24**

Making fossils out of noodles and reading about dinosaurs is today’s program. Ask Mom to read to you at bedtimes, then mark your reading log.

**July 31**

We’re playing I Spy today, and reading some of the spying adventures in our library.

# Camp Normandy DFAC top notch

*Special to the Bavarian News*

U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr’s Camp Normandy/Noncommissioned Officer Academy Dining Facility was awarded first place in the large garrison category during the Installation Management Command-Europe Region’s 2007 Phillip A. Connelly competition.

The Panzer Dining Facility in Stuttgart was awarded in the small-garrison category – and along with Grafenwoehr and other winning DFACs – will represent IMCOM-E in

the Army-wide competition later this year.

Since 1968, the Connelly program has recognized the Army’s outstanding dining facilities.

Categories include small and large garrisons, field kitchens, National Guard and Reserves.

An inspection team made up of IMCOM-Europe-level food program managers visited the DFACs earlier this year.

During their comprehensive evaluation, they graded the facility on

numerous categories such as training and supervision, dining facility administration, food service sanitation, safety, appearance and attitude of food service personnel.

Other IMCOM-Europe DFACs honored were 208th Finance Battalion Dining Facility, Spinelli Barracks, Mannheim, Germany, runner-up, large garrison; Pioneer Kaserne Dining Facility, Hanau, Germany, runner-up, small category.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the program.

# Technology Expo set at Grafenwoehr July 27

*Special to the Bavarian News*

The Grafenwoehr/Vilseck Technology Exposition, hosted by the 69<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, will be held on July 27 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Tower View Conference Center on Grafenwoehr.

Preview the latest advances in information technology! There will be over 40 exhibitors demonstrating the latest in communication technologies, systems integration, flight and vision

training devices, network solutions, distance learning alternatives, Defense and Homeland Security equipment, engineering & IT products, storage solutions, data management, audio and visual equipment, and much more!

There is no fee to attend and complimentary refreshments will be served. Demos and free giveaways will be available while supplies last!

Pre-register to avoid lines at check-in at [www.FederalEvents.com](http://www.FederalEvents.com)

# ..... RECALLS .....

## Gateway battery packs a fire hazard

*Special to the Bavarian News*

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product.

Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Gateway Lithium Ion Battery Packs

**Units:** About 14,000

**Battery Distributor:** Gateway Inc., of Irvine, Calif.

**Hazard:** These lithium-ion battery packs can overheat, which could pose a fire hazard to consumers. This is not an internal battery cell defect.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Gateway has received four reports of battery packs overheating, including minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The recalled battery packs were shipped as the primary or spare battery pack for some Gateway 400VTX and 450ROG series notebooks, and are identified by part numbers: 6500760 or 6500761. The part number and “made by SMP” are printed on a label on the underside of the battery pack.

**Sold through:** Gateway’s professional and direct distributors and Gateway Country stores nationwide from May 2003 through August 2003. The computers with these batteries sold for between \$1,200 and \$2,400 and individual batteries sold for between \$60 and \$90.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using these recalled batteries immediately and contact Gateway to receive a replacement battery. Consumers can continue to use the notebook computers safely by turning the system off, removing the battery pack, and using the AC adapter and power cord to power the system until the replacement battery is received.

**Consumer Contact:** FGateway at (800) 292-6813 between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. CT seven days a week or visit the company’s Web site at [www.gateway.com/battery](http://www.gateway.com/battery).

To see this recall on CPSC’s Web site, including pictures of the recalled product, please go to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml07/07219.html>.



## Butterfly necklaces a lead hazard

*Special to the Bavarian News*

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product.

Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Butterfly Necklaces

**Units:** About 19,000

**Importer:** GeoCentral, of Napa, Calif.

**Hazard:** The metal clasp on the necklace contains high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** The recalled necklaces consist of a multi-colored butterfly pendant on a multi-colored seed bead 16-inch necklace. The product’s packaging includes a white hang card

with “GeoJewelry” printed on the front underneath “GeoCentral.”

**Sold at:** Souvenir and gift stores nationwide from January 2006 through May 2007 for about \$2.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled jewelry away from children and return them to store where purchased for a full refund or contact GeoCentral for information on how to obtain a full refund.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact GeoCentral at (800) 231-6083 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm’s Web site at [www.geocentral.com](http://www.geocentral.com).

To see this recall on CPSC’s Web site, including pictures of the recalled product, please go to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml07/07218.html>.



Dear Demetrius,

I exercise on the regular about four times a week. My workout includes running two and a half miles three times a week and elliptical cross-trainer the fourth day. I do

crunches on the regular as well two times a week.

My question is actually in regards to my “love handles”. Why are they not going anywhere? What do I need to add to my workout formula to cut down on this “bike” tire?

“Not in love with these love handles”

Josh

Dear Josh,

It sounds like you are doing great with your workout.

You did not mention how long you have been on this regimen but it is most likely time to take this workout to the next level.

Remember that just because we want to loose weight does not mean our body is trying to give up that weight.

Our bodies and metabolism adjust to an exercise regimen when done on a regular basis.

After a certain amount of time, weight loss can slow or even stop.

At that time we need to lift weights, increase or change our cardio, and work those abs.

It is that perfect combination of cardio, weights, and abs that will get you to the physical point you are looking for.

The catch is that the combination is different for each and every individual.

This is where the timeless trip to be in shape hits those frustrating

speed bumps and traffic jams.

So test yourself every time you exercise.

Lift a little more and work all aspects of those abs, not neglecting oblique and rectus abdominal muscles.

Demetrius

Send your nutrition and fitness questions to [usaggnews@EUR.army.mil](mailto:usaggnews@EUR.army.mil). Willis is a registered dietician and a certified personal trainer.



# Hi-tech training center puts lifesavers under stress

## Medical simulations facility opens at Graf

by **CHUCK GORDON**  
JMTC Public Affairs

The Joint Multinational Training Command and the Combined Arms Training Center at Vilseck are making the Army's highest tech life-saving training available to U.S. Army Europe Soldiers.

With the June 12 opening of the Medical Simulation Training Center on the Grafenwoehr Training Area, the very latest technological training tools will be available for combat lifesavers, combat medics and other medical personnel.

"The MSTC trains Soldiers on medical skills in a realistic, non sterile environment, using state of the art simulations," said Lt. Col. Horace Bowden, chief of CATC. "It's exciting to be able to bring this level of technology to Soldiers who are responsible for saving lives on the battlefield."

The Graf MSTC is one of 18 across the Army. They're intended to establish medical simulation training centers at high-density Army installations worldwide.

"We're bringing lessons learned from the war in Afghanistan and Iraq together, very sophisticated computer

simulations technology and a high-stress environment to provide a training experience that's tough and realistic," said Sgt. 1st Class Edward Swisher, MSTC noncommissioned officer in charge.

The MSTC will host different medical courses, including the Combat Lifesaver Course, for non-medical personnel, and the Combat Advanced Skills Training Course.

In addition, according to Bowden, the MSTC simulation training program of instruction will be standardized across the Army medical community.

The staff at the MSTC includes two noncommissioned officers and four civilian contracted instructors.

The site includes four scenario rooms that are modular and can be adapted to a number of different scenarios. Environmental stress makes finding and treating the simulated casualties tough.

"It's dark in there," Swisher said, "and we throw in strobe lights, smoke and a soundtrack of small arms fire and artillery. When we crank it up, you need earplugs."

Swisher added that students are carefully screened for any health condition that might be impacted by

the stress tactics before they're allowed into the simulator.

"If a student has, for instance, asthma or a history of epileptic seizures," he said, "we can modify the environment to ensure their safety."

A dozen or so computerized medical simulation dummies, capable of varying degrees of programmed computer-controlled feedback, from verbal and physical responses to bleeding and tears, provide almost real life challenges for students.

"The SimMan is awesome," said combat medic Spc. Christopher Minson, 5-7 Air Defense Artillery. "They give you lots of feedback, and make the training even more intense."

Classes have already started at the center, but the facility is far from finished.

"This is a work in progress," said Swisher. "We're going to add an outdoor stretcher obstacle course and have more work to do in the rooms. We're going to add more simulated landscape and murals to the walls to make the experience even more realistic."

For more information about the MSTC or CATC medical training visit [www.catctraining.hqjmtc.army.mil](http://www.catctraining.hqjmtc.army.mil), or call DSN 476-2722.



Medic Spc. Jude Uchendu, USAG-Hohenfels, listens for breath from a SimMan. The MSTC is designed to teach critical life-saving skills in a hands-on, high-stress environment.

Photo by Paula Guzman

## Senior NCOs from around globe converge on Graf for three-day conference

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Savusa, USAREUR's command sergeant major.

While land forces commanders and other top officers from across Europe and the U.S. Army gather each year in Heidelberg, Germany, for such a conference, the Grafenwoehr event was the first of its kind for NCOs.

"We cannot think that this war is all officer business," said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Ripka, U.S. Joint Forces Command. "We're going to end up executing the order anyway - might as well be involved in the decision-making process."

Nations like Romania, where the second command sergeant major of the army is now serving, and Slovakia, which has fully adopted the western NCO models, are mirroring the NCO corps structure of nations like the United States, Canada and Great Britain.

"They want the confidence we have in our NCO corps. To me, that shows passion," Savusa said. "Everyone here (at the conference), I believe, has that passion."

Slovakia sent its army's sergeant major to the U.S. Army Sergeants

Major Academy and has used the U.S. NCO structure as a foundation for its corps because it believes it is important for all coalition partners to follow the same standard, said Sgt. Maj. Richard Fabricius, sergeant major of Slovakian armed forces.

"It is important, because when you have two platoons from two different nations going on the same raid, you can assume NCOs from both platoons will have a mutual grasp of what the NCOs' responsibility is," Fabricius said.

The conference included discussion panels, a tour of the Joint Multinational Training Command Warrior Leader Course facilities, and a demonstration of convoy live-fire training, where U.S. Soldiers reacted to an improvised explosive device and engaged pop-up targets.

"This conference is perfectly located at JMTC, USAREUR's jewel, where we send Soldiers from other nations through our NCO education system to enhance their commands," Savusa said.

The Conference of European Armies for NCOs will be an annual event slated to happen again in April, according to conference organizers.

**“ We cannot think that this war is all officer business. ”**

**Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Ripka**  
U.S. Joint Forces Command



## International Teamwork

Three Soldiers from U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr's Headquarters and Headquarters Company and three Soldiers from USAG Bamberg's HHC Co. participated in "Patrouille Hlidka EuregioEgrensis 2007," a three-day competition and teamwork building event June 1-3. The seventh annual event kicked off in Germany's Schneeberg, Jaegerkaserne, where the three teams of German, U.S., and Czech Republic soldiers were briefed and assigned their mixed-culture teams. The following day, the soldiers participated in water, weapons simulations, obstacle course, and land navigation events. On the third and final day, the soldiers travelled to Jachymov, Czech, where they conducted first aid, weapons team qualification, and a land navigation obstacle course before team winners were announced.

The U.S. team came in first, followed by Germany in second, and the Czech Republic in third. USAG Grafenwoehr's HHC members included Sgt. 1st Class Michael Donaldson, Sgt. Joshua Wasserman, and Sgt. Jacob Brewster. HHC Commander Capt. Amelia Waldon presented certificates of appreciation to event organizers and sponsors. HHC 1st Sgt. Annette Andrus was also in attendance to represent the garrison and HHC.

Courtesy photos



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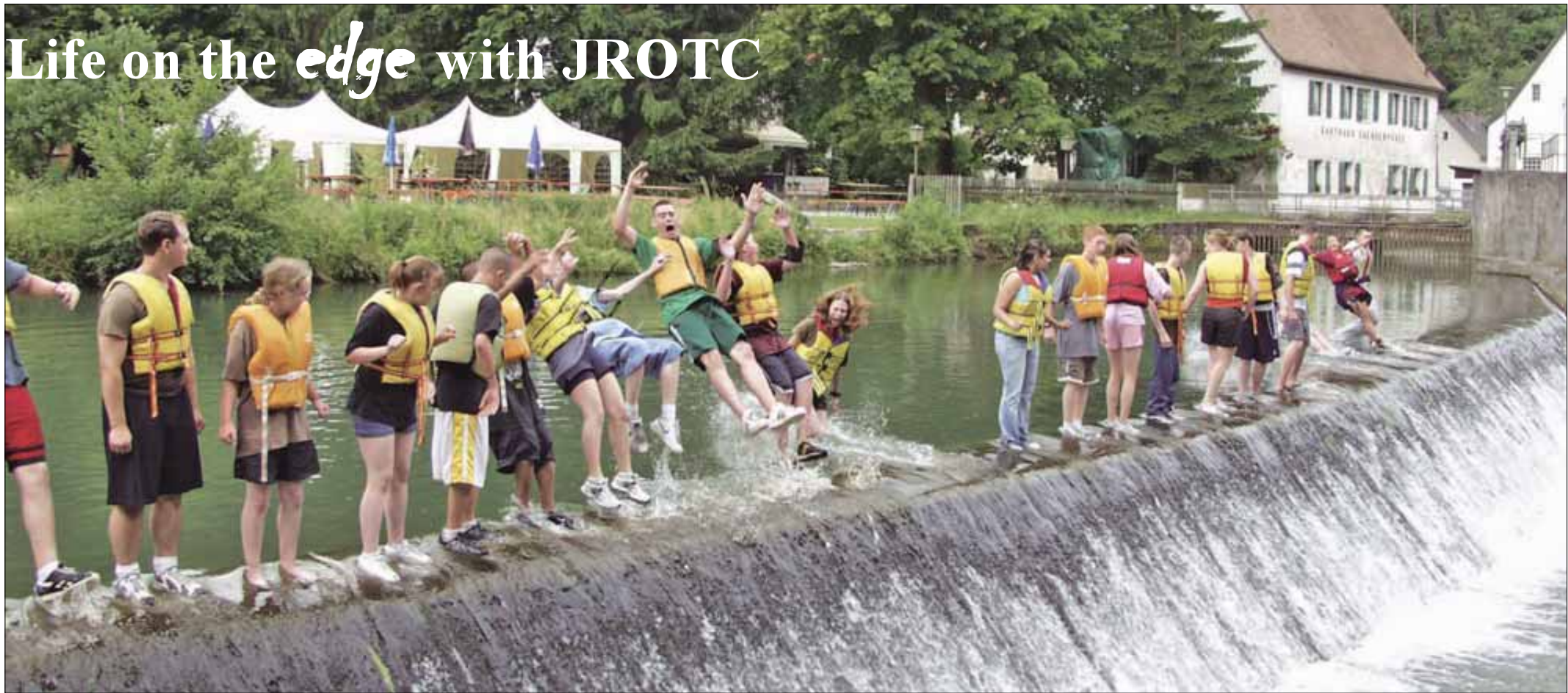
Why haul all of your old things to a Flea market? This is your chance to offload it right from your garage.

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# Life on the edge with JROTC



## Annual summer camp instills physical, leadership skills

by BILYANA ATOVA  
Staff writer

"What challenges me most is to wake up early," said Alex Melendez, a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps platoon leader.

"Also it's a challenge for me being a leader, to have control and make my platoon listen to me," she said. "I like to take care of them."

Melendez, from Baumholder High School, was one of 117 cadets from 21 U.S. schools throughout Europe who participated in the annual 10-day JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge at Grafenwoehr June 17-27.

### The program

The camp was part of the Army JROTC program, created as part of the National Defense Act from 1916, that prepares high school students for leadership roles while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American citizens.

"The camp is very physical but the program itself is not," said (Ret) Maj. David Schwab, a senior JROTC instructor.

He explained that JROTC classes are different from typical school classes, not as academically strict, putting more brainstorming and team work techniques to use.

"It is a four-year program, with ninth grade and higher allowed to participate," said Schwab.

### The camp

The annual camp has taken place in the Grafenwoehr Training Area since 1995 and is a mix of leadership and physical challenge as well as fun for the teens.

"The purpose of the camp is to give (the cadets) an opportunity to challenge themselves physically and mentally," Schwab said.

Maj. Bob Hase, Director of Army Instruction for Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Europe JROTC, explained that the cadets rotate rank on a daily basis during the camp.

"Some days they are followers, some days leaders," he said.

In a friendly environment, supervised by professionals, the cadets were able to master a number of challenges including drown proofing, canoeing, ropes course, rappelling and climbing, leadership reaction obstacle course, and urban orienteering.

Teamwork and emotional support was crucial to successfully completing each obstacle.

Teamwork is especially important during activities like canoeing in which two-person teams navigate the river and must work together to keep the canoe going straight.

"I liked canoeing because of the rapids," said Bryan Michel, age 15, from the Naples American High School. "I have never done something like that before."

Another event was the high ropes course in Tannesberg, pushing cadets to overcome their fear of heights.

"The high rope course was really challenging because I am afraid of heights," said second-year Vilseck High School JROTC cadet ShaQuana Harmon. "But I didn't want to give up so I did it!"

"When I went up there I panicked, I thought I am going to fall," said Melendez about the rope course. "Everyone looked like little ants, but it also felt like, 'Oh, my God, I did it.'"

Despite the relatively long list of activities they were expected to master, the cadets seemed to be enjoying themselves very much.

"The kids get out a lot," said Schwab. "For some it is just fun, it is not meant to be a tough course."

For the first time, the cadets had the opportunity to rappel from a 60-foot rappel tower in the Grafenwoehr training area.

"We have never done this before. It has been here, but has never been used so we decided let's do it," said Hase.

The tower had two levels, and the teens rappelled from both of them.

"The small one was scarier," said Ledesma, "because it is the first time you are doing it. You see the wall and you get nervous, but then it is all fine."

### "I miss my family"

"The hard thing is that you cannot call home, and I miss my family," said Harmon.

It is not only that the teenagers are not encouraged to call home, but for 10 days they also have to give up most of their hi-tech conveniences, including the Internet, i-Pods, and cell phones.

"We took all their candies when they got here," said Schwab, noting that the cadets had to substitute sodas for drinks such as milk, water, and juice to promote a healthy lifestyle.

### Life after the camp

The teens had their individual motivations for participating in the program, as well as different plans for the future.

"Not more than 20 percent probably join the Army," explained Schwab.

Schwab said this year's group proves to be the exception to the rule. He said all of his seven graduates were entering the military.

For Reyes, JROTC was a means to an end.

"I joined the program because it will help me to get into an Air Force Academy," said Reyes.

Ledesma, who plans to be come a veterinarian, explained that she joined because she thought it would be exciting.



Photo by Maj. David Schwab

Timothy Wright from Wuerzburg High School completed the challenging ropes course that hung approximately 30 feet above the ground.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Micheal Blair



Photo by Maj. David Schwab

Center: David Sharp of Vilseck and Sean Smith from Vicenza experienced canoeing in the Wiesent River. Left: John Lee of Vilseck mastered the ropes course. Below: As part of the drownproofing course, Remington McCarthy of Vilseck learned how to survive in the water by making flotation devices of his clothes.



Photos by Maj. David Schwab

Above: Isaiah Hickman, from Wiesbaden High School, and Cruz Reyes from Vicenza High School, participated in the obstacle course.

At right: Lisa Martin, from Hanau High School, Tyler Perry, from Vicenza High School, and Eric Perez, from Ansbach High School, helped Brian Jaovis, from Heidelberg High School climb the five-meter wall.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Blair



# All good things must come to an end...

As I write my last commander's column for the Bavarian News, I will resist the temptation to write, "I can't believe how quickly the time has flown by" because that is the pretty much the first line of every commander's last column.

Instead, Diane and I would like to take this opportunity to simply say thank you to all of the members of the Hohenfels community who make our



## “Thank you for frosty Friday night football games at Tiger Field and raucous crowds at basketball games.”

- post the best little hometown in the Army.
- \* Thank you for great German-American fests with big parades, great music, fun, and laughter.
- \* Thank you for frosty Friday night football games at Tiger Field and raucous crowds at home basketball games.
- \* Thank you to whoever wears the high school mascot tiger suit. You are one funny guy (or girl).
- \* Thank you for brunch after church with friends in the 1-4 Infantry dining facility.
- \* Thank you for wonderfully enthusiastic crowds in The Zone for Armed Forces Entertainment events.
- \* Thank you for cold beverages, big pretzels, good friends, and great stories at the annual grand opening of the Beer Garden.
- \* Thank you for letting me win the golf tournament – twice.
- \* Thank you for the wonderful competition and great fun at the annual post organization day
- \* Thank you for Christmas celebrations with children's choirs, Army bands, and late night cookie runs to all of the guards and MPs on

- duty on Christmas Eve.
- \* Thank you for the Tuesday Night bowling league and post bowling championship with great support from our most senior and our most junior community members.
- \* Thank you for poignant Sept. 11 memorial services so that we never forget why we are here.
- \* Thank you for holiday bazaars with great decorations and families enjoying shopping, pony rides and Gluehwein.
- \* Thank you for School Age Services summer camps and pre-

toddler reading sessions at the Child Development Center even if I did get peed on.

- \* Thank you for JROTC adventure trips, high school baseball, and the chance to work with our teens as they venture into adult life.
- \* Thank you for the plethora of extravaganzas, parades on Veterans Day, and football on Thanksgiving morning.
- \* Thank you for your pride in our community and your confidence in our vision of a great today and a better tomorrow.

Sincerely,  
*U.S. Army Garrison  
Hohenfels Commander Jim  
and wife Diane Matheson*

# DoDDs music teacher introduces Garbage Band in German school

Story and photo by  
**GARRY BARROWS**  
*Staff writer*

The trail that took elementary music teacher Deborah Barrows to the Volksschule in Deining, near Neumarkt started in a line, waiting to check out at the Netto June 19.

That's when Monika Holapfel and Barrows met, and shared some conversation about their arbiten to discover they were both teachers and that a special "crash" week was being planned at the German school where Holapfel taught.

The crash week revolved around everything being done in English and Barrows, being a native English speaker and music teacher with a new program, "Garage Band," that she was eager to share, it seemed destiny was at work.

Barrows went into the German school to teach the students Garage Band.

The German educational system is different from the American system used throughout the Department of Defense Dependent Schools system.

There are levels children are assigned to and moved between based on testing and class work results.

After all children attend the same level for the first four grades, students are divided into achievement levels with the German Gymnasium being the highest level, followed by the Realschule and the Hauptschule.

The higher the degree or level, the more vigorous the teaching curriculum.

The class Barrows worked with at the Volksschule Deining, a Hauptschule, consisted of four boys and four girls, ages 14 and 15. Of the

eight, three indicated they had musical interests in guitar or keyboards.

Garage Band, an Apple computer program, is a collection of music, assembled one measure at time, with a huge variety of instruments.

Barrows has had some outstanding success with her own classes in Hohenfels Elementary School.

"When you mix music and technology, you have a win-win situation," Barrows explained.

"Everyone likes some kind of music and the technology of "Garage Band" makes it fun and possible for anyone to compose," she said.

For example, there will be 200 one-measure guitar rifts.

The "composer" can listen to some of them and assemble the ones the sound good on a line designated for guitar. It is easy to stretch the one measure to whatever length the

composition requires.

There are a number of compatible sounds and keys.

For example, once 10 or more measures of guitar music have been assembled, along with a bass line, piano accompaniment, drums, shakers or bongos, horns, and strings, the program will play everything together producing a remarkable often enjoyable sound.

But that is only scratching the surface of what can be done.

It is possible to add a variety of backgrounds and then call up a piano keyboard and compose original music.

Once Holapfel heard about and experienced the program, she said she was willing to try it at her school.

"Yes I was sure it would work with our students," she said. "We have three very good music teachers here

who have trained our children."

The students said they enjoyed working with an American teacher and the Garage Band program.

Fourteen-year-old Johannes Keckl, who wants to become a builder, has been studying keyboards and classical piano for six years, listing Mozart as his favorite composer.

"It is a cool and interesting program," said Keckl.

"Thanks to DoDDS, and with the help of the smart board, (a large white board that functions as an interactive computer screen) the lesson can be taught to an entire class in one seating," she said.

"It was our great fortune the German school had a smart board," said Barrows, "so everyone could work on the project together."



During a time-out, German students read the U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr newspaper, the Bavarian News.

# Tina Toner brings fresh perspective to NPS program

by **KATIE FENSTERMACHER**  
*Special to the Bavarian News*

Just when you thought Mommy & Me Power Walking, KinderMusic & BabySign, and Infant Massage workshops couldn't get any better, Army Community Service in Hohenfels is excited to welcome Tina Toner as the New Parent Education and Support Program manager.

With a fresh eye, Toner brings with her a new energy and updated programs. For instance, three new and enhanced workshops focus on educating moms and dads on pregnancy, childbirth, and caring for a newborn: Early Pregnancy Awareness, Childbirth Preparation, and Infant Care.



The New Parent Education and Support Program extends beyond the regularly scheduled workshops to provide direct in-home consultations. The home visits provide education to expecting parents or families with children 3 years or younger.

Some of the issues that Toner focuses on include:

- childproofing the home,
- new ideas on games and activities to play with specific age groups,
- concerns of breast feeding,
- establishing a bedtime routine,
- coping with picky eaters and temper tantrums, and
- preparing siblings for a new baby in the home.

In addition to the regularly scheduled workshops and home visits, Toner is also available for individual office appointments.

Simply call ACS at DSN 466-4860 or Toner's direct line DSN 466-4073 to schedule an appointment.

Toner is originally from Montana, but recently moved to Hohenfels from Giessen, Germany, after living there for two years. Her educational and practical experience with children is endless. Previously an obstetrics nurse for 12 years, Toner has a master's degree in nursing and business administration with a minor in healthcare management.

But her experience does not stop there. Toner and her husband have four children, ages four, six, 12, and 16. When asked what she loves most about the job, Toner said, "being able to positively guide a family during their journey of pregnancy, childbirth, and caring for their newborn."

# Following lightning safety tips can help save your life

*Hohenfels Safety Office*

- **Check the forecast and watch the sky**  
Before heading out, check your local forecast. While outside look for darkening skies, flashes of lightning, or increasing wind, which may be signs of an approaching thunderstorm.
- **Use the 30/30 Lightning Rule**  
Count seconds between "flash" and "bang" and seek shelter when the time is less than 30 seconds. Do not resume activity until 30 minutes after the last audible thunder.
- **Know the lightning-safe position**  
When lightning threatens and you can not reach suitable shelter you should assume the lightning-safe position: crouch on the ground with your weight on the balls of the feet, keep your feet together, and your head

lowered and ears covered. Other experts recommend that you place your hands on your forehead and your elbows on your knees to creates a path for lightning to travel to the ground through your extremities rather than through your core (heart). You should also assume the lightning-safe position if you feel your hair stand on end, your skin tingle, or you hear crackling noises. There are no easy answers when you are caught in a lightning storm, however you should never lie flat on the ground.

- **Find a safe shelter**  
Sturdy buildings are the safest place to be. Avoid sheds, picnic shelters, baseball dugouts, and bleachers. If no sturdy building is nearby, a hard-top vehicle with windows closed will offer some protection. The steel frame inside of the vehicle provides some protection

- if you are not touching metal.
- **Avoid isolated trees or other tall objects**  
NEVER take shelter under a tree. Also avoid bodies of water, sheds, fences, convertibles, tractors, bikes, and motorcycles. Avoid leaning against vehicles, and get off and away from bicycles and motorcycles.
- **In a wooded area**  
seek shelter under a thick growth of relatively small trees.
- **Don't wait for rain to seek shelter**  
Many people take shelter from the rain, but most people struck by lightning are not in the rain. Go quickly inside a completely enclosed building, not a carport, open garage or covered patio. If no enclosed building is convenient, get inside a hard-topped all-metal vehicle.
- **Get out of the water**

- Water is a great conductor of electricity. Stay off the beach and out of small boats or canoes. If caught in a boat, crouch down in the center of the boat away from metal hardware. Swimming, wading, snorkeling, and scuba diving are NOT safe. Lightning can strike the water and travel some distance beneath and away from its point of contact. Don't stand in puddles of water, even if wearing rubber boots.
- **Avoid any metal objects**  
Drop metal backpacks, stay away from clotheslines, fences, exposed sheds and electrically conductive elevated objects. Don't hold on to metal items such golf clubs, fishing rods, tennis rackets or tools.
- **Do NOT stay in a group**  
Stay several yards away from other people. Don't share a bleacher bench or huddle in a group.



# Pope's brother presides over Hohenfels Mass

Story and photo by **MARY FITTER**

*Special to the Bavarian News*

The Hohenfels Catholic Community celebrated Father's Day June 17 with a special guest—Kappelmeister and Apostolic Protonotary Dr. Georg Ratzinger, a priest from the Diocese of Regensburg.

Many Catholics know him as Reverend Monsignor Ratzinger or more simply, the Pope's brother.

Ratzinger entered seminary in 1946 along with his brother, Pope Benedict XVI, to study for the priesthood. Ratzinger also pursued musical studies. He and his brother were ordained priests in 1951 in the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising.

He has been with the Diocese of Regensburg since 1964 when he was named the music director or Domkappelmeister for St. Peter's Cathedral thereby becoming the chorus master of the Cathedral Choir, the Regensburger Domspatzen, and overseeing the world-renowned Regensburg boys and men's choir.

He was appointed an Apostolic Protonotary in 1994 and retired shortly after. Ratzinger was brought to Hohenfels by Monsignor Heinrich Wachter. Wachter, also from the Diocese of Regensburg, serves as a contract priest for the Hohenfels Catholic community. At the end of the Mass, Ratzinger gave greetings to those in attendance and expressed his delight in seeing so many children and Families celebrating Mass together.

He also stated that his brother was aware that he was celebrating Mass with the Americans in Hohenfels. The day ended with a Father's Day social hosted by the Catholic Women of the Chapel. Homemade cakes, cookies and muffins were served honoring the dad's on Father's Day.



**Reverend Monsignor Georg Ratzinger, brother of Pope Benedict XVI, along with Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mitchell Wilk and Monsignor Heinrich Wachter concelebrated the Mass in Hohenfels on Father's Day, June 17**

## More individual Soldiers deploying to OIF, OEF

by **SETH ROBSON**

*Stars & Stripes, European edition*

More Soldiers than ever are training to go downrange as individuals, according to instructors overseeing Theater Specific Individual Readiness Training at U.S. Army Garrison Hohenfels.

Master Sgt. Donald Wells, noncommissioned officer in charge of the training, which normally happens twice a month, said more than 250 Soldiers and 15 civilians were at Hohenfels the week of June 30 to join units in Iraq or Afghanistan.

"This is the largest class we've had so far," the 41-year-old Houston native said as he watched Soldiers on

Thursday train to zero M-16, M-4 and M-9 weapons on a shooting range at Hohenfels' Joint Multinational Readiness Center.

Most times the training involves fewer than 150 Soldiers, he said. However, the latest class is bigger because the training was not held earlier this month while thousands of 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment troops trained at JMRC for their own deployment to Iraq.

The readiness training started at Hohenfels this year. It was done at Grafenwoehr in 2005 and 2006.

The training is for individuals replacing Soldiers in downrange units as well as Department of Defense civilians and contractors headed to

Iraq and Afghanistan, Wells said.

The latest class includes Soldiers ranked from private to colonel, along with civilians, he said.

The program includes: weapons zeroing and qualification; media awareness; cultural awareness; first aid; roadside bomb training; nuclear, biological and chemical warfare training; and close-quarters marksmanship, along with briefings on the laws of war and medical threats, he said.

Because the class is so large JMRC observer controllers are helping run some of the classes, such as teaching Soldiers how to react to roadside bombs, he said.

One of the Soldiers doing the

readiness training, Pfc. Kevin Pemberton, left Friday to join the 173rd Airborne Brigade Support Battalion in Afghanistan.

The 22-year-old Stafford, Conn., native said that it would be his first trip downrange.

He said the best part of the training course was reflexive fire training that involved reacting to contact.

Pemberton said he had not heard much about 173rd's work in Afghanistan other than the unit is fighting at high altitude and temperatures can be hot.

Another Soldier doing the training was Sgt. Timothy Wolfe.

The 39-year-old is a reservist who lives in Schillingsfurt, in the German

state of Bavaria, with his German wife, and volunteered to serve a year in Kuwait working at a port.

The Kuwait mission is a chance for Wolfe to land a U.S. government job after years working on the German economy, he said.

"While I'm down there I'm going to be putting in resumes for something in the finance branch," said Wolfe, who got out of the regular Army in 1992.

The readiness training is bringing him up to date with the way the Army operates in the Middle East these days.

"I was in the first Gulf War, but this is something new. Back then, we didn't have all these [improvised explosive devices] and other stuff that the Iraqis are throwing at us," he said.

## Hohenfels' Anthony Marshall makes All-Europe soccer team for third consecutive season

by **RUSTY BRYAN**

*Stars & Stripes, European edition*

To maintain a place on the boys' All-Europe soccer first team, it apparently helped to pack some scoring punch.

Hohenfels senior Anthony Marshall made the first team for a third straight season, chiefly by scoring a staggering 24 goals.

As Hohenfels coach Shawn Rodman was quick to point out, however, Marshall's output didn't come at the expense of his teammates' chances. Marshall hit double figures in assists, too, with 12.

"Despite his talent," Rodman wrote on the nomination form for his recently graduated star, "he is very unselfish and does what he has to do in order for the team to be successful."

The other repeat first-teamers — junior Chris Davis of Division I champion Lakenheath, senior Sean Kerber of Heidelberg and senior Brian Schwenneker of D-II runner-up Bitburg — didn't score nearly as many goals as Marshall, but still factored into a lot of offense.

A nine-goal scorer who handed out five assists, Davis "was involved in scoring or assisting on 66 percent of our goals," his coach, Garrett Billington, wrote. "His play kept us in every game."

Kerber, who moved from striker to center midfielder this season, saw his goal total drop from 17 in 2006 to five regular-season tallies in his new role.

But those goals represented 30 percent of the

17 scores the Lions amassed during their run to the D-I regular-season title.

Schwenneker, who coach David Abbott said can kick a soccer ball 70 meters, scored eight times and handed out nine assists despite playing defense.

"Brian is the most athletically talented boys' soccer player I have ever coached," Abbott concluded.

Joining the scoring parade on 2007's top tier was senior forward Billy Reed of D-II champion Black Forest Academy. Reed, picked for the first time, registered 20 goals in 12 games.

Two seniors moved from the 2006 second team to this season's top tier. Wiesbaden midfielder Hakan Demircan and Heidelberg central defender Andrew Harrington weren't picked for their scoring, however.

"Andrew ran the defense," retiring Heidelberg coach Larry Heintzman wrote, "and was a major factor in preventing goals scored against us."

Demircan, according to his coach, Ben Arcila, showed nothing less than "the potential to play for a good college team in the States."

Senior mids John Secules of London Central, a second-teamer in 2006, and Chris Eden of AFNORTH also were voted to their second All-Europe teams.

Eden, a first teamer in 2006, made the second team this time, as did Secules.

In all, 15 of 2007's top 30 were seniors. The panel chose 10 juniors and five sophomores. No freshmen were chosen.

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# Community Spotlight

# What's Happening

## Grafenwoehr/Vilseck Briefs

### Gates makes general officer announcement

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced June 29 that the President has made the following nomination:

Air Force Brig. Gen. James P. Hunt has been nominated to the grade of major general while serving as the director, air and space operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

### Quarterly trainings set

The next quarterly Subversion and Espionage Directed against the Army and Security Education Training Awareness training session for the Grafenwoehr and Vilseck communities will be conducted on July 18. This training is a mandatory annual requirement for all DOD personnel including military, AF/NAF (both US and LN). Session schedules are as follows:

Grafenwoehr (Tower Theater, Bldg. 620)

9-10:30 a.m. (U.S. employees)  
11 a.m.-noon (LN employees)  
Vilseck (Post Theater, Bldg. 354)  
1-2:30 p.m. (U.S. employees)  
3-4 p.m. (LN employees)

Due to seating limitations at these facilities, 2SCR personnel are requested to contact the Regimental S2 for training times and locations for your organization.

### Attention creditors and debtors of Sgt. Gilbert

Any local creditors or debtors of Sgt. Jonathon Gilbert should immediately contact Lt. Evans at DSN 476-5277 or DSN 476-5120.

### Proper approval needed for home based business

If you live in government leased housing and would like to have a home-based business, please ensure you have approval for your business. Contact Commercial Affairs Officer Sieglinde Schedl at DSN 475-6753, Bldg. 244 Grafenwoehr, and get more information about home-based business.

### School news

Student registrations open at all school throughout the summer. Stop by and register your students for the coming school year.

You can also stop by to provide any requested documents that you did not have when you initially began registration. Registration is not completed until all documents are turned in to school.

It is recommended to call the school first to verify open hours, lunch times, and registration requirements. Information also available at each school Web site:

<http://www.graf-es.eu.dodea.edu/>  
<http://www.vils-es.eu.dodea.edu/>  
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Vilseck CDC: DSN 476-2651, CIV 09662-83-2651  
Grafenwoehr CDC: DSN 475-7180, CIV 09641-83-7180  
Vilseck SAS: DSN 476-2556, CIV 09662-83-2556  
Grafenwoehr SAS: DSN 475-6161, CIV 09641-83-6161  
Vilseck middle school and teen center: DSN 476-3144, CIV 09662-83-3144  
Grafenwoehr middle school and teen center: DSN 475-7441, CIV 09641-83-7441

**School supplies:** Parents and students may want to pickup a copy of required school supplies. Available from each school.

**Sports physicals:** School sports practices begin Aug. 20 and a current annual physical is required. Parents and students may want to update their sports

physicals this summer.

**School meals:** CYS Central registration now handles all applications for free and reduced school meals. All applicants must reapply every year.

**Military Family life consultants:** The Department of Defense has contracted to provide professional staff to provide non-medical counseling services to Service members and their Families and children.

The consultants for our community are Anna Jones and Loren Cronk and they are here until Aug. 24.

Anna Jones is stationed at Grafenwoehr School Age Services and can be reached at DSN 475-6161 or CIV 09641-83-6161. She is available to work with all youth primarily in Grafenwoehr.

Loren Cronk is stationed at Vilseck School Age Services and can be reached at DSN 476-2556 or CIV 09662-83-2556. He is available to work with all youth primarily in Vilseck.

The School Liaison Officer is the Garrison POC for this program. You can contact Steve Vojtecky at DSN 475-1770 or [steve.vojtecky@us.army.mil](mailto:steve.vojtecky@us.army.mil) for any additional information.

You are encouraged to directly call the consultants and discuss any matters you feel are relevant with them. You do not need to be registered with CYS to contact the consultants.

### Graf and Vilseck CDC offer summer kindergarten camps

Looking for something for your kindergartner to do this summer? Grafenwoehr and Vilseck Child Development Centers have space available in our dynamic summer camps for 6-year-olds.

Camp schedule includes field trips, special events and fun-packed days designed to keep your child's mind and body active all summer long.

For more information or to sign-up, contact CYS Central Registration at Graf, DSN 475-6656 or Vilseck, DSN 476-2760.

### 2SCR predeployment fair

**Today-Friday:** Open to all 2 SCR Soldiers and family members preparing for deployment. Service agencies from USAG Grafenwoehr will be on hand to discuss program offerings, advice and answer any questions you may have concerning your upcoming deployment. Call ACS at DSN 476-2650 or CIV 09662-83-2650 for more information. Recommended unit attendance times are as follows:

■ Fire Squadron: today, 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
■ 1/2, 2/2, 3/2 SCR: tomorrow, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
■ 4/2 SCR, RSS, RHHT: Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

### Vilseck play morning cancelled until August

**Through July 31:** Play morning at the Vilseck Chapel has been cancelled for the month of July and will resume in August.

Call ACS for more information DSN 476-2650, CIV 09662 83 2650.

### Summer classes offered at the Vilseck Chapel

Now – Aug. 14: Come join us every Tuesday for our summer classes at the Vilseck Chapel. We have three studies, “Chazown”, “Twelve Extraordinary Women”, and a Nichole Johnson video series.

### CDC hosts parents’ day out

**Saturday:** Enjoy a day without the kids from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Vilseck CDC will provide childcare for registered CYS patrons for \$4 per hour/per child. For more information, call DSN 476-2760 or e-mail [cysinfo@eur.army.mil](mailto:cysinfo@eur.army.mil).

### Naturally7 concert held

**Tuesday:** This family friendly show is open to all U.S. ID card holders and is free of charge. Experience seven vocal virtuosos creating music with no instruments. You'll hardly believe your ears. Just hearing them isn't enough; come to a live performance and see what the buzz is about. The show will be held at the Vilseck AAFES Theater starting at 7 p.m.

### Grafenwoehr, Vilseck technology exposition set

The expo will be held July 27, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Grafenwoehr Tower

View Conference Center. It will feature over 40 IT exhibitors and provides the community with cost and time effective opportunities to view, evaluate, and be educated on the latest technologies, services, and issues relevant to your mission.

Open to all base personnel, and admission is free. For more information, contact Dana Wilson at [wilcox@ncsi.com](mailto:wilcox@ncsi.com) or pre-register at [www.federalevents.com](http://www.federalevents.com).

### Local training available

The Civilian Human Resource Agency Europe, Human Resource Development Division offers professional development and training opportunities at various locations in Europe.

The courses are open to DA civilians, LN's, and military. The tuition cost is free for these courses.

To check out more about the kind of training offered, course descriptions and schedule, go to our Web site <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/index.htm>.

Upcoming courses:

■ July 17-20, Report Writing, Grafenwoehr  
■ July 30-31, Communication Skills, Grafenwoehr  
■ Aug. 1-2, Presentating Statistics Using Charts & Graphics, Grafenwoehr,  
■ Aug. 14-16, Basic English Writing Skills, Grafenwoehr

Seats at the Digital Training Facility is limited to 16 persons only. Military members are encouraged to attend.

### 7A/JMTC Safety Office observes works outing

**Friday:** The 7A/JMTC Safety Office, located in Bldg 540, will be closed for their annual works outing.

### VBS dates announced

Group's Holy Land Adventure, Galilee-by-the-Sea. Join us for Vacation Bible School at the Grafenwoehr Chapel Aug. 6-10 6–8 p.m. Families, singles, all ages are welcome.

Contact Dimice Perry for more information or to volunteer [dimice.h.perry@us.army.mil](mailto:dimice.h.perry@us.army.mil) or CIV 0961/4019871.

Registration information will be in the next issue of the Bavarian News. To find out more about this program, visit group's Web site at <http://www.groupvbs.com/2007/vbs-GalileeNew/index.asp>.

### Vilseck, Grafenwoehr Cub Scout Day Camp announced

**Aug. 24-26:** Pack 240 and Pack 261 invite all boys entering first grade through fifth grade to join us for an exciting day camp full of outdoor activities and fun. Boys must be registered cub scouts, but can register at the camp.

The Egyptian themed camp runs three days at Dick Hauteur Lake in Grafenwoehr; from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sibling care is available if parents are volunteering to help with the camp. Fee is \$45, and includes program supplies and patch at the end of camp.

Boys can enjoy archery, BB gun shooting, crafts, campfire activities and more.

Contact Tracey Jones CIV 09662-416821 or Jean Boyle CIV 09641-83-5308 for more information or to register, no later than Aug. 1.

### CTC Term 1 registration runs July 30-Aug. 17

Central Texas College Vilseck/ Grafenwoehr is offering the following three vocational-technical courses in the upcoming Term 1: AUMT 2413 - Manual Drive Trains & Axles (four credit hours); CDEC 1303 – Families, School & Community (three credit hours); and CJSA 1317 – Juvenile Justice System (three credit hours).

All three classes are classroom-based and lead to an Associate in Applied Science degree. All classes this term will be held in Vilseck at the Army Education Center or the CTC Auto Shop for the AUMT class.

Term 1 registration is July 30 – Aug. 10 with late registration allowed up to Aug. 17. The class dates are Aug. 20 – Oct. 13.

Contact CTC field representative Chuck Sligh at the Vilseck or Grafenwoehr Education Center for more information on these and other available programs at DSN 476-2362, CIV 09662-83-2362, or by e-mail at [vilseck@europe.ctcd.edu](mailto:vilseck@europe.ctcd.edu).

## Hohenfels Briefs

### Health clinic announces hours for sports physicals

The health clinic will be holding Saturday clinic hours from 8-11 a.m. Saturday and on Aug. 25 for CYS and high school sports physicals.

Note that these days are specifically for sports physicals and not for yearly school or CDC physicals or for well-baby or children appointments. Call DSN 466-1750 to schedule your appointment.

### Sure Start program at HES

Hohenfels Elementary School is now accepting applications for the 2007-2008 school year. If you have a child who is four or will be four by Oct. 31, 2007 and you are an E4 or lower in rank, come by the elementary school and fill out an application.

At this time all we need is your LES and the application. Priority will be given to E-1 to E-4 or GS-1 to GS-4. Those with the greatest need using a criteria list will be considered.

E-5/GS-5 to E-9/GS-9 and above may apply and be given consideration by the selection committee only if space is available. For more information, call DSN 466- 2729 or CIV 09472-83-2729.

### Register for next FAST class before Friday, starts July 16

The Hohenfels Education Center is offering FAST classes starting in July.

These classes are for soldiers who have a GT score below 100, soldiers referred by their commander and soldiers trying to get a 110 GT score to switch their MOS. FAST class, formerly known as Basic Skills Education Program, improves reading, math and language skills, which equates to better performance at army schools and GT score improvement.

These classes will be two weeks long, July 16-July 27, and will be eight hours a day.

Registration is through Friday. For more information or to pick up a registration, contact the Education Counselor ‘Lissa Wojtkun at DSN 466-2882 or [lissa.wojtkun@eur.army.mil](mailto:lissa.wojtkun@eur.army.mil).

### CDC sponsors summer activities to keep kids busy

It's show and tell of the installation's more interesting sites and facilities during our community field trips each Tuesday, for children enrolled in the CDC Kinder Village full-day program or hourly care.

For hourly care reservations or additional program information, contact Barbara Tennant at CIV 09472-83-4706/ 7.

Kindervillage trip to the Library! Reading is a fundamental part of your child's learning process. The Hohenfels Child Development Center wants to encourage your child's interest in learning about topics through reading.

Each week our Kindervillage CDC class will select a special book for “Story Hour” and classroom discussion. Parents are always welcomed! Interested? Call DSN 466-4707/4706.

Off post activity: Do you like it cool when it's hot outside? Then visit the exciting Cave in Velburg. The cave is open from April 1 until Oct. 31.

Fees are for adults 2.60 Euros, kids from 6-14 years 1.60 Euro and for kindergarten kids, 50 cents.

For more information visit: [www.velburg.de](http://www.velburg.de).

### Girl Scouts looking for volunteers to help out

Hohenfels Girl Scouts is now looking for volunteers for the next school year.

We are in need of adult volunteers for the following positions: event coordinator, publicity, cookie manager, hut manager, German/American liaison, and a Web site designer, as well as leaders for Brownie age level (1st-3rd grade) and Cadette age level (6th-8th grades).

You don't have to have a daughter in Girl Scouts to make a difference in a girl's life! For more information, e-mail [hohenfels.girlscouts@yahoo.com](mailto:hohenfels.girlscouts@yahoo.com) or Mary Fitter at CIV 09472-911-289.

### Post speed limits reduced

The speed limit from Gate #1 along

Patton drive to the Commissary turn at Linderberg Road is now 30 km per hour Monday through Friday during PT times (approximately 6-8 a.m.). The signs will be changed from 50 km to 30 km before 6 a.m. and then be returned to 50 km after 8 a.m. However, the posted speed is always the one that will be enforced so pay attention to the speed limit signs regardless of the time of day.

The speed limit from the intersection of Patton Road and Linderberg Road (often referred to as the Commissary Road) through to the end of the Keltenwall Housing Area is now permanently 30 km per hour.

The speed limit from the Post Gym to ACP #4 (5 corners near Camp Albertshof) is now permanently 30 km per hour.

All members of the community are reminded to obey all traffic signs. Speed limits are clearly marked. Essentially, the entire cantonment area (except for the gate #2 road) will now be a 30 KM zone from 6-8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Additionally, even though speeds have been reduced to 30 KM throughout the cantonment area, drivers are still required to slow to 10 MPH when passing troops running or marching on the road regardless of the time of day or posted speed limit.

### Customs forms needed before visitors can drive

If you have friends and relatives that are planning to visit you here in Germany and would like to drive your USAREUR-plated car, go to the local customs office in advance and obtain the respective customs form.

What we need in order to fill out the form is the sponsor's ID card, the vehicle registration, the visitor's passport (copy is enough), and a copy of the visitor's driving license.

Make sure your guests get an international driver's license in the United States, otherwise, they will need a certified German translation of the stateside driver's license (which costs between 30 and 40 Euros and takes up to one week to obtain).

For more information, contact the Customs Field Office Hohenfels in Bldg. 10, Rm. 118 at DSN 466-2012 or 2745.

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and closed on U.S. holidays.

### Summer sporting camps set

Youth Sports Camps will begin Monday. Camps will be offered to youth that have just completed first-eighth grade.

For school age children (first-sixth grade) camps are: July 16-27 - soccer, July 30-Aug. 10 - basketball/ cheerleading, and Aug. 13-25 - bowling. Cost for camps (first-sixth grade): \$20.

Middle school (seventh and eighth grade) camps are: July 16-27 - soccer, July 30-Aug. 10 - basketball/ cheerleading, and Aug. 13-25 - baseball/ softball. Cost for camps (seventh and eighth grade): \$10.

Register your youth at CLEOS, Bldg. 96. For more information on camps, call DSN: 466-2488/2558.

### Chaplain Happenings

■ Protestant Women of the Chapel: Come “craft” with us! Bring your own portable craft (scrapbooking, quilting, cross-stitching, etc.) or learn a new one! Join us Tuesdays, July 17, 24, and 31, at the Hilltop Chapel Center from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Childcare is provided for children ages 6 weeks - 5 years. Older children may come along and work on their own craft projects. This event is sponsored by PWOC. POC is Gwen Eungard CIV 09492-601637.

■ Christ's Commandos (C2) is church just for kids. We meet in the Post Theater on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, 10:45 a.m.- noon. We have skits, puppets, music, and games.

■ Young adults who have already graduated from high school and are working in the community are invited to Bible study, a relaxed atmosphere, and a home cooked meal each Tuesday evening at Bldg. 743, across from the Commissary.

Call Chaplain Bradford Baumann at DSN 466-1570 or CIV 09472-831570 for more information.

■ Catholic Women of the Chapel meet for Bible study Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Hilltop Chapel Center. For more information, call the Catholic Office at DSN 466-2226 or CIV 09472-83-2226.



## Ansbach Briefs

### School lunch applications now available at ACS

School lunch applications for the 2007-08 school year are now available. The applications can be picked up at Army Community Service, any USAG Ansbach Department of Defense Dependents school or from the school liaison officer's information board across from the community mail room boxes in Bldg. 5817.

Once completed, bring the application, along with a copy of the sponsor's orders, and the most recent leave and earnings statement, to your local ACS office.

For more information, call DSN 467-2883 or CIV 09802-83-2883 in Katterbach, or DSN 467-4555 or CIV 09841-83-4555 in Illesheim.

### Earn chance to win prizes by completing MWR Top 10 list

USAG Ansbach Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Top 10 list is comprised of a selection of events and activities scheduled by various programs within MWR. Each month, MWR officials will highlight the "must do" activities for community members.

The list will include a variety of activities that promise to entertain, educate, challenge or relax people during the deployment timeframe. The events give people the chance to meet new people, take advantage of the local surroundings and culture, as well as pick up a hobby or learn something new.

To make this list more exciting and challenging, MWR officials added a bit of competitiveness to the list. Starting in September, people who complete at least 50 percent of the activities on the list are eligible to enter a monthly drawing. Prizes will range from free trips to gift certificates and other great prizes.

Copies of the list are available at the Yellow Ribbon rooms on Katterbach Kaserne and Storck Barracks, bowling centers, ACS, fitness centers, arts and crafts, child enrollment, and child development centers.

To receive the Top 10 via e-mail or in your mailbox, just send an e-mail to [ans-mwr@eur.army.mil](mailto:ans-mwr@eur.army.mil).

### Youth theatre workshop set

The Terrace Playhouse hosts a youth theatre workshop July 30 to Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon for children ages 9-16 and 2-3:30 p.m. for children ages 5-8.

The workshop focuses on the basic workings of the theatre, stage terminology, costume design, set design, age-appropriate Elizabethan history and culture, and elementary Shakespearean speech using "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The workshop culminates with a Medieval Banquet and a presentation of short scenes.

The playhouse is located in Bleidorn Housing. For more information, call DSN 468-7636 or CIV 0981-183-636.

### Cobbled Corner offers crafty tours every month

Cobbled Corner Crafts offers a trip to Dinkelsbühl every month where participants build a night watchman's lantern and then take it along on a tour of the town's underground tunnels.

The trip takes place July 21 and again Aug. 25. There are only nine slots available for each tour. There are \$10 and 35 Euro fees for the trip.

For more information, call Cobbled Corner Crafts at DSN 468-7627 or CIV 0981-183-627.

### PEP helps people get comfortable in Germany

The People Encouraging People program is designed to make people more comfortable in their surroundings here in Ansbach and Germany. The program is offered 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 23-24 and Aug. 27-28 in Katterbach, and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 17-19 and Aug. 21-13 in Illesheim.

PEP is open to all community members—whether they're new to the community or have been here for a while. For more information, call DSN 468-1550 or CIV 0981-183-1550.

### Free bowling offered

The Katterbach Bowling Center offers free bowling to military identification card holders the second and last Thursday of each month from 3-10 p.m.

The Illesheim Bowling Center offers free bowling the first and third Wednesday of the month. The offers do not include shoe rentals.

The bowling centers also offers summer leagues where people can compete against other bowlers in the community. The leagues meet every Wednesday and the cost is \$10 per person with a free shoe rental.

There also is a summer break bowling special for children kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to bowl this summer or practice their game now through Aug. 24. Cost is \$1 a game with free shoe rental.

Katterbach hosts an 8/9-Pin No-Tap Tournament Aug. 22 at 7 p.m., while Apache Lanes at Storck Barracks hosts tournaments at 7 p.m. July 15 and Aug. 26. During the tournaments, people who roll a nine or an eight on their first ball get credited for a strike. Cash prizes will be awarded for top scores.

For more information, call the Katterbach center at DSN 467-2638 or CIV 09802-83-2638, or the Illesheim center at DSN 467-4530 or CIV 09841-83-4530.

### Fishing events announced

The Soldier's Lake House hosts a number of events designed for all the anglers in the community.

■ Fishing tournament for youth 5-14 years old Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trophies for first, second and third place, and a participation award for all youth. A barbecue will follow the event. Cost is \$10.

■ German Fishing Course—two-week course finishes with a German fishing licensing test July 20-29 from 9-11 a.m. Cost is \$60.

■ Monthly Fishing Event—Aug. 4 from 4:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. People can fish and meet other fishermen from the area. Breakfast is served at 6 a.m. There will be a prize drawing after the event.

### Community Bank closed

The Community Bank in Illesheim will close for training today from 9 a.m. to noon and be open from noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, call the bank at DSN 467-4540 or CIV 09841-8791.

### New immunization guidelines set for schools

New immunization requirements were put into effect at the beginning of this past school year, said the Ansbach Middle/High School Nurse, Michele George. She said the Hepatitis A vaccine is now available but that parents need to ensure their children have the first dose administered by the start of next school year in order to attend.

She said parents need to take their children's immunization record to their local medical treatment facility for review to ensure that they can provide the school with an up-to-date copy no later than Aug. 27—the first day of the next school term.

Most students will only need their first dose of Hepatitis A administered as they should be up to date on all other immunizations. If they have already received their first dose and six months have passed since it was administered, the second dose should be administered prior to Aug. 27.

Also, for children who haven't had Chickenpox, the Center for Disease Control recommends that students who received one dose of Varicella vaccine prior to age 13 should now receive a second dose to provide immunity into adulthood. For more information, call George at DSN 467-2519 or CIV 09802-83-2519.

### Keichu Do classes offered

SKIES Unlimited offers Keichu Do classes in the evening at Storck Barracks in Illesheim and Barton Barracks in Ansbach for people ages 6-18 years.

Instructor Patricia Sant offers instruction in the martial art Keichu Do—closely related to American boxing and French Savate (kickboxing). It also includes techniques from Jiu-Jitsu, Judo, Kung Fu, Karate and Cajun fist fighting. The primary objective of the class is self defense with practical, no-nonsense techniques.

Cost for the class is \$35. For more information, call Bryan Osewalt at DSN 467-4703 or CIV 09841-83-4703.

### Vacation Bible School set

The USAG Ansbach chaplain's office hosts Vacation Bible School on Katterbach Kaserne and Storck Barracks in August.

The school will be held Aug. 6-10 at the Illesheim Chapel and Aug. 13-17 at

the Katterbach Chapel.

For more information on Vacation Bible School, call John Edwards at DSN 467-2685 or CIV 09802-832-685.

### ACAP counseling available

Soldiers who have been extended due to a deployment, and who anticipate separating from active duty shortly after reintegration, are required to receive Army Career and Alumni Program pre-separation counseling prior to the deployment.

Pre-separation counseling is available by appointment for individuals or groups.

Call DSN 467-3312 for more information.

## Bamberg Briefs

### Full CPR and First Aid course offered this Saturday

The Bamberg Red Cross is offering a Full CPR and First Aid course on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The course fee is \$45 per student and includes all materials. Scholarships are available. Register and pay for all health and safety classes two days prior to the class. Call the Bamberg Red Cross at DSN 469-1760 / 7785 or CIV 0951-300-1760 / 7785 for more information.

### Attend next mandatory pre-separation briefing

Are you ETSing or chaptering out of the military within the next six months to one year? Then sign-up to attend a mandatory Pre-Separation Briefing the last Tuesday of every month. The next briefing will be July 31. Within six months of ETSing, orders are ready! The Bamberg Transition Center is located in Bldg 7029 Rm. 101. For more information contact Stephen Hatcher at DSN 469-7966 .

### Leave comments with ICE

Good news or bad news, we can take it! The Interactive Customer Evaluation is available 24 hours a day seven days a week. Go to [www.bamberg.army.mil](http://www.bamberg.army.mil), click on ICE and tell us how we are doing!

### Get to know Bamberg by attending next P.E.P.

Are you new to USAG Bamberg? If this is your first tour overseas, then PEP is a "must"! Get to know the garrison and the town of Bamberg by touring the city with the ACS PEP program. Learn how to use the public transportation system, how to shop and visit the Bamberg Klinikum. Free childcare is provided (space is limited). PEP is free and takes place Monday- July 20, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call Bamberg ACS at CIV 0951-300-7777 for details.

### FFF opens to youth

Due to the ongoing renovations at the JFK Gym, Child and Youth Services will be temporarily offering fitness classes for CYS registered youth at the Freedom Fitness Facility, Monday through Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. A youth activities schedule will be posted on a bulletin board in the OASIS Teen Center and at the FFF.

### Walking tour of Bamberg

Join a free walking tour of Bamberg on Tuesday hosted by our community library. Visit the Dome, St. Michaels' monastery, Old City Hall, and Little Venice with Bamberg librarian Andrea Wittkamp. The tour starts at 1 p.m. at the library. Bring Euros for the bus!

### Join coffee club and save

Join the coffee club at the Community Activity Center and buy 10 coffees, slushies or shakes and get one free!

### Find phone numbers online

The Bamberg Army Community Service has current telephone directories available at the Relocation Readiness Office in Bldg. 7029 Stop by Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and pick one up. The directory is also available to download at [www.bamberg.army.mil](http://www.bamberg.army.mil)

### Going TDY or taking leave?

As a reminder, please check mail daily! Do not use your mail box as a storage facility for your mail.

Properly addressed parcels not claimed within 30 days will be returned to sender, so please be sure to pick them up or notify us if you'll be on leave or

TDY. If you are unable to pick up for more than five days, fill out Form **DA 2258** at the CMR to have some or all of your mail forwarded or held for a period.

### Get a Clue at the library

It's time to start some super summer sleuthing by registering for the USAG Bamberg Summer Reading Program today. "Get a Clue at Your Library" is the theme for this year's summer reading adventures. The program is free and runs now through July 25. For more information, call the Library at CIV 0951-300-1740.

### Report unsolicited e-mails

Bamberg Field Office, 66th MI Group would like to remind you to notify Counterintelligence Special Agents if you receive unsolicited e-mails at DSN 469-8742 or CIV 0951-300-8742. Agents are on call 24/7 for your convenience.

### Register for tackle football, soccer through Aug. 3

CYS Sports registration for tackle football and soccer is open through Aug. 3. Tackle football is open to ages 8 to 14 and cost \$84. Soccer is open to ages 3 to 15 and costs \$36. Register at CYS Central Registration, Bldg. 7340, or call DSN 469-8660 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or call DSN 469-8641.

### Buy and sell used cars

Are you moving to CONUS and need to sell your German-Spec vehicle? Or are you looking to buy a gently used vehicle to get you around locally? Take advantage of the Bamberg community "Lemon Lot" to buy or sell a used car.

The lot is located on George Washington Loop up the street from the Stable Theater and the Laundromat. Vehicles must be registered at the Military Police Station prior to parking them in the lot.

For more information, contact the Vehicle Registration Office which is located in room 118 at the Military Police Station.

Vehicles in the lot not registered with the MP Station will be treated as abandoned, towed, and owners will be fined.

### Adult volunteers needed for scouting programs

The Bamberg Boy Scouts is in need of adult volunteers immediately. Help support a fun-filled, worthwhile program that teaches values.

For more information, call Carlos Lopez at CIV 0151-111-85141 or Erik Verhoef at CIV 0170-668-7458.

### Battlemind II briefings offered once a month

Bamberg Social Work Service conducts Battlemind II briefings the first Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m.

The briefings are for Soldiers who have been re-deployed for 90 days or more and need their post deployment health readiness assessment. Once Soldiers complete the briefing, they are sent to the health clinic to be cleared from MED-PROS. Additional Battlemind II briefing dates: today, Aug. 1, Sept. 5.

For more information, contact Candice Keith at DSN 469-7793/9016.

## Schweinfurt Briefs

### Leighton fair and flea market held this Saturday

Join the family fun fair and flea market on Leighton Barracks Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Enjoy food, drinks, bounce activities, music, ACS deployment success information, and flea market.

Tables are available for \$5 each to display items.

Call to reserve a table, DSN 354-6715 or CIV 09721-96-6715.

### Don't miss the Harry Potter book release party July 21

The Ledward Shoppette will host a Harry Potter book release party from midnight to 2 a.m. July 21.

This late Friday night/early Saturday morning party will feature a Harry Potter look-a-like contest, a drawing for a copy of the new book, and quizzes for all you muggles out there.

The Shoppette will close, as usual, at 11 p.m. Friday before reopening for the event.

### Teen Center summer fun

Join in the fun at the Teen Center's special July events. Midnight Flag Football is held Friday in Yorktown Village in front of the middle school starting at 6 p.m. Or join the Paris trip July 20-22 departing at 10:30 p.m. and returning at 7 a.m. Cost is \$30. Or on July 30 join in the roller-skating in Bamberg from noon to 5 p.m. Call DSN 354-6732 / CIV 09721-96-6732.

### YRR temporarily closed

Effective Monday, the Community Yellow Ribbon Room, Bldg. 230, on Ledward Barracks will be closed for construction. The facility will re-open in approximately six weeks.

Patrons who utilize the YRR for Internet access may instead use the USO, library, MOS library, or Finney Recreation Center on Conn Barracks for computing needs during this period.

### TSP, IRA classes set Tuesday

Attend Army Community Services class on Thrift Savings Plans and Individual Retirement Accounts on Ledward Barracks Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. The class will cover information for Soldiers and DOD civilians.

Learn how the plans work, contribution and investment options, asset allocation options, and loan withdrawal options. For more information, call DSN 354-6933 or CIV 09721-96-6751.

### Summer trips available for middle-schoolers

The Middle School Zone host many summer camp trips in July for middle school students. Come join the fun Tuesday at Rothenburg Museum, July 19 at Heide Park, July 24 at Palmbeach for a swim, July 26 for white water rafting, and July 31 and Aug. 1 in Pullman City.

Call for more information, DSN 354-6308 or CIV 09721-87465.

### Sign up for parents night out

CYS Outreach Services is giving you the day off with child care at no cost to families in both Schweinfurt and Wuerzburg July 20 from 6:30 to 11 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to give yourself a break. It's open to families with children ages six weeks to fifth-grade. Space is limited so sign up now. Call DSN 354-6517 or DSN 350-7762 for more information.

### Street party set for July 21

Join the party at Askren Manor July 21 free of charge. It begins at noon and continues until 8 p.m. with a concert by Salsa Fever (Latin sounds) starting at 6 p.m. The street party features bounce activities, jugglers, clowns, magicians, fire-breathers, food and drinks, and ACS Deployment Success information.

### ADHD support group meets

An Army Community Services support group for those living with ADHD meets once a month in the Ledward ACS building. The next meeting is July 24 from 10 a.m. to noon. Childcare is available with pre-registration. Learn more about resources available to help you cope and manage and build a local support network at the same time. For more information, call DSN 354-6933 or CIV 09721-96-6751.

### Become Red Cross certified

Sign up for the American Red Cross two-part class held July 25 and 26 on Ledward Barracks from noon to 4:30 p.m. both days.

The class will cover standard first aid with adult, infant and child CPR as well as adult and child AED. Cost is \$45. Call the Red Cross to sign up DSN 354-1760 or CIV 09721-96-1760.

### German cooking class

Join ACS in the Kitchen Passport Series at Ledward Library kitchen July 25, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Learn how to bring the taste of Germany home with you. All food items, cookware, and hands-on instruction are provided. All participants can sample the finished product. For more information, call DSN 354-6751 or CIV 09721-96-6933.

### Volunteers needed for VBS

Schweinfurt's Ledward chapel presents Vacation Bible School: Avalanche Ranch from Aug. 13 – 17, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., a program for preschool through fifth-grade. Volunteers are needed now for pre-planning.

Watch care is available for volunteer staff. Call Chantal Santee at CIV 09727-909516 or e-mail at [chantal.j.santee@us.army.mil](mailto:chantal.j.santee@us.army.mil).





The Belvedere Palace, known for its beautiful gardens, is one of three huge palaces in Vienna.

Photo by Nanja Antonczyk/ WienTourismus

# Old World sophistication prominent in Austrian capital

byALICEADLER  
Special to the Bavarian News

Here you are in the heart of Europe and maybe you feel like you have not adequately soaked up all the culture Europe has to offer. Sure, you’ve sampled German beer, bought Czech crystal and Polish pottery, and driven on the autobahn, but perhaps you’re craving that Old World sophistication that European cities are legendary for. Where should you go?

The answer is practically next door. Vienna, the capital of Austria, is awash in culture. Visitors will find museums, art, music, and beauty around nearly every corner of this incredible city.

Austrian writer Karl Kraus stated that “the streets of Vienna are surfaced with culture as the streets of other cities are with asphalt.”

Vienna is one of the few major cities of Europe to have made it through two world wars with fairly few scars. As a result, the city is resplendent with breathtaking architecture.

Dominating the center of Vienna is the massive **Hofburg Complex**. This monumental palace, now home to several of Vienna’s great museums, was the winter residence of the Hapsburg family, one of Europe’s former ruling houses.

The Hofburg is so large it is often referred to as a city within a city. Many visitors also like to take a peek at the Hapsburg’s summer residence, the **Schoenbrunn Palace**, another massive complex with sprawling gardens and 1,441 rooms.

And if you haven’t had your fill of gorgeous structures, there is the **Belvedere Palace** with one of the most beautiful gardens in Europe.

In addition to housing several of Europe’s notable palaces, Vienna is

home to over 400 churches. The most important one is **St. Stephan’s Cathedral**.

Located in the center of Vienna, it is one of the great Gothic churches of Europe, and its single towering spire has become the symbol of Vienna.

Treasures abound inside, including funeral urns that contain the remains of 56 members of the Hapsburg family.

Vienna has many important museums to visit, but one of the best is the **Schatzkammer**, the city’s Imperial Treasury.

Its collection of royal and ecclesiastical treasures rival those of any in the world.

There you can see an emerald that is larger than a man’s fist, a massive Narwhal tusk, and the ninth century saber of Charlemagne the Great.

The coronation crown, robes, and jewels of the Holy Roman Empire are

here as well, reminding the visitor of the crucial role Austria has played in the long and colorful history of Europe.

After visiting museums and churches, your feet may need a rest. There is no better place than in one of the city’s 4,000 coffee houses.

Vienna’s coffee houses are an essential part of life in the city that invented the idea of spending the afternoon lingering over a good cup of coffee.

Read a newspaper, enjoy a pastry, sit for awhile in the formal yet comfortable atmosphere the coffee houses provide.

No article on soaking up the culture in Vienna would be complete without mentioning music.

A vast number of the world’s greatest composers were of Austrian descent.

For hundreds of years, the great composers and musicians of the world flocked to Vienna, resulting in

world-class performances that can be heard practically every evening.

The music of Vienna’s favorite son, Mozart, is a popular choice. Men and women dressed in period costume wander the popular tourist areas selling tickets to performances of his music.

If your budget doesn’t allow for concerts, be sure to enjoy a leisurely stroll down **Kaerntnerstrasse**, the main shopping area and pedestrian zone in the heart of Vienna.

Street musicians of all kinds wait to entertain you for pocket change. Where else but in Vienna could you hear classically trained opera singers belt out arias for a Euro?

While you are there take some time to do some window shopping on this busy street. With the world renowned **Vienna Opera House** at one end and the Cathedral of St. Stephen at the other, this street is popular with locals and tourists alike.



Photo by Gerhard Weinkirn/WienTourismus

This entrance into the Imperial Palace, often called the Hofburg Complex, is the St. Michael’s Gate entrance.



Photo by Johannes Wagner/MTS Marketing Tourismus Synergie GmbH

Even in the middle of winter, the Schoenbrunn Palace, which served as the summer residence of the Hapsburg family, is a beautiful place to visit.



The skyline view of the city is one of the must-sees in Vienna.

Photo by Claudio Alessandri/WienTourismus



Photo by Robert Alexander Herbst/WienTourismus

The spire of the St. Stephan’s Cathedral has become the symbol of Vienna.



# Williams, Martinez named NCO, Soldier of Year



Sgt. David Williams (pictured) was named 12<sup>th</sup> CAB NCO of the Year. Williams is an automated logistical specialist for Co. E, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn., 158<sup>th</sup> Avn. Regt. Spc Alejandro Martinez Co. B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 159<sup>th</sup> Avn. Regt. was named 12<sup>th</sup> CAB's Soldier of the Year.

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class  
**CHRIS SEATON**  
*12th CAB Public Affairs*

The 12<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade's recently-named NCO of the Year for 2006 is always up for a challenge. After graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and a jurist doctorate degree from the University of Southern California School of Law, Sgt. David Williams needed a bigger challenge—so he joined the Army. Williams, an automated logistical specialist for Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, came to the Katterbach community in July 2004. He's been looking for new challenges ever since. He deployed to Iraq with the 4<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division in October 2004. He attended the Warrior Leader Course in September 2006. Williams was also the Commandant's Physical Fitness award winner and a member of the commandant's list. His latest challenge has been attending boards—lots of boards. He's been to 11 since his arrival in Germany. The work paid off when he

was selected as the 12<sup>th</sup> CAB Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. "The competition was very stiff," he said. "I've been practicing for about eight months. It makes me glad to know all the studying paid off. I'm supposed to go to the staff sergeant board soon, and I'll definitely be ready." Also winning was 12<sup>th</sup> CAB Soldier of the Year, Spc. Alejandro Martinez from Co. B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment. A veteran of deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, Martinez said he was reluctant to go to his first board. "I was pushed into it," he said. "But after the first one, it was such a great feeling to win that I wanted to keep doing it. I'll go to as many boards as I can. These boards are career enhancing. Each one is another step up in my career." Both Soldiers received the Army Commendation Medal, a four-day pass, an AAFES gift card, a pen and pencil set, a backpack with the 12<sup>th</sup> CAB logo, and a plaque. The next step is the V Corps Soldier/NCO of the Year Board. And in typical go-getter fashion, they're already studying.

## 12th CAB welcomes new CSM, farewells Marin

Story and photo by **JIM HUGHES**  
*Bavarian News*

The 12<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade welcomed its new command sergeant major and bid farewell to the outgoing one during a change of responsibility ceremony June 29 at the theater on Bismarck Kaserne. Command Sgt. Maj. H. Lee Kennedy accepted the NCO sword from Col. Timothy J. Edens, 12<sup>th</sup> CAB commander, at the ceremony as he took over as the unit's top enlisted Soldier from Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin. Marin moves on to serve as the command sergeant major for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. "Our NCO Corps is truly the backbone and pride of our Army and the envy of all other armies in the world today," Edens said at the ceremony. "At the top of that outstanding corps of professional warriors are command sergeants major. Many refer to this NCO as the commander's wingman. "I also refer to him as my right arm," Edens continued. "In order for commanders today to get things done, we rely on our senior NCOs, our command sergeants major, our right arm." Edens' new right arm is proud to be the CAB's new command sergeant major.

"Being selected as the 12<sup>th</sup> CAB command sergeant major is an honor I never dreamed of obtaining," Kennedy said. "Filling Sgt. Maj. Marin's shoes isn't going to be easy, but I'm going to try with every ounce of strength in my body." Scanning the crowd, Kennedy said he saw a Family of heroes in the audience. "I see Soldiers ready to deploy for war, brave spouses preparing to care for their Families and their friends, I see Mrs. (Leslie) Edens and her bands of sisters sitting out there prepared to take care of our Families," he said, "I see first sergeants and sergeants major in their various battalions caring for Soldiers, calming nervous individuals, helping Families, and slowly getting units used to the idea that we are deploying. "My heart swells with pride when I think of all of you heroes out there, and I am so literally proud to be a part of this team," Kennedy continued. "You're a wonderful group of men and women, and I'm proud to serve with each and every one of you." For Marin, departing the 12<sup>th</sup> CAB is bittersweet. "Although my tenure here was very short, it is with great pride that I depart this brigade knowing that it is fully settled in its enduring location," he said. "Colonel Edens, thank you

for being the kind of leader that everyone dreams of having. You always allowed me the space to do my job and to take care of the brigade's day-to-day business. "My new duties will be to get the best technology and equipment to the warfighter as soon as possible. I look forward to this challenge," Marin continued. "This departure also ends my direct involvement with Army aviation in which I proudly served for over 26 years. "I will always be an aviator at heart—a warrior in spirit," he said. "In my new duties, I will support every warrior to the utmost of my ability—you can count on that. "To the officers, NCOs, Soldiers and Families of this brigade, I cannot thank you enough for your professionalism, steadfast support, and for serving our nation through these tough times," said Marin. And he had some words of encouragement for Kennedy. "Welcome to the Griffin Family," Marin said, referring to the image of the legendary creature on the unit's patch. "I am sure this community, and the Soldiers and Families of this brigade will support you," he said. "You are getting an outstanding brigade."



Command Sgt. Maj. H. Lee Kennedy, new command sergeant major for the 12<sup>th</sup> CAB, accepts the NCO sword from the unit commander, Col. Timothy J. Edens.

## Salvage yard disposes of old cars, provides parts for other vehicles

Story and photo by **RONALD H. TOLAND JR.**  
*Bavarian News*

The auto salvage yard staff on Katterbach Kaserne stands ready to help people when their old cars die, but it can also help people get a few more miles out of their old, failing vehicles. Richard Sepulveda, the salvage yard manager, and his staff help community members get rid of their lifeless hoopties legally, and also maintain a yard full of cars people are welcome to scavenge parts from outside of Bldg. 5839 near the Katterbach heat plant entrance gate. The salvage yard accepts unwanted vehicles and removes and disposes of the batteries, drains and recycles the fluids, and completes the necessary paperwork to get rid of the community's clunkers. But as with most things in life, it isn't free. There is a \$65 fee to ensure the car is disposed of within Army regulations and German law. "The disposal service fee covers all the handling and processing of the vehicle," Sepulveda said. "All the owner needs to do is let us know what they want or need to have done and where the vehicle is. "If they can bring the vehicle to us, great. If not, we have a towing service within a 50-kilometer radius, where we can pick it up for them for an additional fee," he explained, adding that people who need a tow should arrange for it in advance. "We additionally offer the cars' parts to customers who may need parts for their car while they are still here," Sepulveda said. This is a popular service for backyard mechanics and do-it-yourselfers in the

community, like Jim Bushinger of AAFES Engineering. "The services are good here," he said. "Part availability is also good depending on (what cars are) present at the time. I always come back to see if anything new is here." Operating a salvage yard in Germany is no easy job. Environmental restrictions abound. "All similar U.S.-type yards must comply with and to stringent German state regulations—hazardous waste material policies the local nationals place on their environment," he said. "We have an annual inspection, rated out of Munich by the Germans, to be certified to meet their standards." The main standards to comply with are the pumps in the building and certified fluid containers for oil and gas that have to be vacuumed out of the cars, proper segregation and separation of materials, and how to sort those materials, Sepulveda said. "There is a whole book of guidelines," he added. "On top of this, all employees must attend training and be certified on proper vehicle processing." Sepulveda said turning in a car is one-stop-shopping: painless, quick, and simple. "They should not even be tempted to leave or abandon their vehicles on the road or illegally give them to a local national," he added. "We take care of it all. Once a customer drops off the car and pays the fees, they are finished with that car." All cars are logged, screened, and sent to the end station at the recycling center or shredder near Fulda. For more information on the salvage yard, call DSN 467-2753 or CIV 09802-83-2753.

## 412th ASB to support OIF aviation ops



Soldiers of the 412<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion of the 12<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade load their gear onto a truck on Katterbach Kaserne just before departing July 1 for a 15-month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 412<sup>th</sup> ASB, described by its commander, Lt. Col. George Hamontree, as the biggest and most diverse of the 12<sup>th</sup> CAB's battalions, is sending more than 600 Soldiers to support Army aviation operations in Iraq. The colonel said that while separation from Family and friends is hard on Soldiers, morale within the unit is high and they are ready to accomplish their mission.

Photo by Jim Hughes



# PT Day kicks off Family support events

*Spouses get an idea of their Soldier’s physical requirements during mock PT tests June 22*

Story and photo by  
**KRISTA BROWNING**  
*Bavarian News*

Over 120 family members from the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team got a taste of the physical training that their Soldiers experience daily during a Family Physical Training Day and mock PT test at the Bamberg Freedom Fitness Facility June 22.

“How far do we have to go?” and “How many do we have to do?” were a few of the more common questions overheard as the crowd gathered on the infield and were led through a series of warm-ups and stretches.

The mock PT test consisted of push-ups, sit-ups and a one mile run.

“An event like this gives the command a chance to gauge issues

and check how Families are doing around the one month mark of the deployment,” said Maj. Carrington Stoffels, the officer in charge of the 173d ABCT North.

Stoffels hoped Families came away from the event with an appreciation of what their spouses do daily, especially being in an Airborne unit where physical training standards tend to be higher.

By the end of the day it was apparent that everyone had a new level of respect for their spouses.

“I’m going to be sore for the next three days,” said Mellisa Daar, a 173d Special Troops Battalion spouse. “I didn’t realize they had to be this physical everyday.”

There were a number of rear detachment Soldiers helping at the

event including Pfc. Catharine Garcia, Charlie Company Brigade Support Battalion.

“We want to let Families know there’s support and that there are still Soldiers in Bamberg to help out,” she said.

After the test there was an opportunity for everyone to participate in other fun activities including sack races, relay races, long jump, chin-ups, and tug of war.

Certificates were awarded to adults, and medals were given to kids.

Participants registered with OW4F were given 25 bonus miles for competing in the day’s events.

Planners hope this will be the first in a series of monthly events and activities for the Families of the deployed 173d Brigade.



173d ABCT Family PT Day participants take off for a timed one-mile run during a mock PT test June 22 at the Bamberg Freedom Fitness Facility.

## BRIEFS

### CYS camps available!

Kids and teens can get their fill of action and adventure one week at a time at summer camp! School age services is offering a variety of “Fun in the Summer Sun” camps for grades K-5. Contact Patrice Turner-Lapp at CIV 0951-300-8698 for more information.

The CYS Middle School Teen Program is offering week long camps for kids ages 6 to 12. There’s something for everyone. Download a copy of the CYS Summer Camp Program 2007 at [www.bamberg.army.mil](http://www.bamberg.army.mil) and register for a week or two today! Contact CIV 0951-300-8641 for more information.

### Swim Safe this summer

All ocean and sea beaches with a lifeguard on duty and all public and private swimming pools are considered authorized areas to swim. A full list of authorized swim areas in Bamberg and the surrounding areas can be found online at [www.bamberg.army.mil](http://www.bamberg.army.mil) , under SAFETY.

### Bamberg ODR July trips

Take a trip this July with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation. Register for a trip to Legoland on Saturday (\$10), visit the Glass Blowing Factory July 21, go kayaking on the Main River July 21, or visit the fairy tale castles Hohenschwangau and Neuschwanstein July 28 (\$10). Most trips are free! Contact the CAC at DSN 469-8659.

### Register for Aug. 6-10 Vacation Bible School

Bamberg Community Vacation Bible School will be held Aug. 6-10 at the high school gym and annex.

Imagine finding yourself projected back to Israel in the first century. Smell the exotic foods, explore authentic traditions, dress up in Biblical costumes, and experience the Bible in Group’s Holy Land Adventure “Galilee-by-the-Sea.”

VBS is open to children 4 years of age through those entering sixth grade for SY 07/08. Registration is available online at [www.bamberg.army.mil](http://www.bamberg.army.mil)

Click on Chapel, then VBS in the upper right hand corner. Register early and be sure to not miss this exciting event.

For more information, contact Luke Granger at the Bamberg Chapel at DSN469-8140.

### “Get a Clue” at your community library

It’s time to start some super summer sleuthing by registering for the USAG Bamberg Summer Reading Program today.

Get a Clue @ Your Library’ is the theme for this year’s summer reading adventures. The program is free and runs now through July 25.

For more information, contact the library at CIV 0951-300-1740.

### Dont’ miss “Charlotte’s Web” at Stable Theater

E.B. White’s classic tale, now a hit movie, is brought to life on stage at the Stable Theater July 25-29.

A humble pig saved from the butcher’s axe by a clever spider, Charlotte, inspires the most famous supernatural public relations campaign in American history.

Wed, Thur., Fri., and Sat. performances of Charlotte’s Web are at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday show is at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for kids 3-12, students, E-4 and below; \$25 for a family card, and \$20 for a family card for E-5 and below.



## Rosenberg assumes command

Lt. Col. Gary Rosenberg assumed command of U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg during a June 27 change of command ceremony in the BASICS Building at Warner Barracks. Regional Director of IMCOM-Europe Russell Hall passes the garrison colors to Rosenberg during the ceremony.

Rosenberg is a Special Forces Officer who commanded SFOD-A 561, 2nd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Fort Campbell, Kentucky, CAT-A C Company, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and SFOD-B 320, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Photo by Amy L. Bugala

## Daily maintenance keeps UAV eyes in the sky

Story and photo by Sgt. BRANDON AIRD  
*173rd ABCT Public Affairs*

One of the assets commanders in the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team use to view the battlefield is the RQ-7 Shadow 200 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

The UAV is able to provide the combat team with video coverage of an area of interest for hours at 50 kilometers (31 miles) from the launch and recovery site.

The air vehicle uses a pneumatic launcher and is recovered by a tactical automatic landing system on the runway. The air vehicle is stopped using an arresting hook and cable system.

The first launch of a RQ-7 Shadow UAV in the 173rd was by Col. Charles A. Preysler, 173rd ABCT commander, in Germany during the training for preparation to Afghanistan.

The UAV is a new asset to the combat team, and keeping it operational is essential.

By the time the Shadow gets into the sky, it gets checked a minimum of six times, said Staff Sgt. Pablo Villanueva, maintenance chief for the Shadow, Bravo Company, 173rd Special Troops Battalion (Airborne).

“We take it apart to make sure everything is tightened down, verify all the electronics work,

and conduct preflight checks,” Villanueva said.

The UAV is also inspected by the flyer and again by the mechanics when on the launcher.

Villanueva’s crew of mechanics performs maintenance, which is called “preventive maintenance daily,” every day.

“I enjoy doing this,” said Sgt. Christopher Johnson, a UAV mechanic in Bravo Company, 173rd STB.

The 173rd’s Shadow operation is non-stop mission, which doesn’t end until the deployment is over.



“We work in 12-hour shifts,” explained Villanueva. “Eight hours are spent doing PMD and the other four are doing preflight inspections.”

Once the UAV gets back from a flight the work starts all over again.

“We have to check to make sure no parts fell off or loosened during flight,” Villanueva said.

Villanueva and his crew open the plane up and take it apart to make sure everything is right. PMD is a daily process, which doesn’t end until the mission is over.

Army Sgt. Christopher Johnson, Bravo Company, 173rd Special Troops Battalion (Airborne) takes the screws out of the nose of a RQ-7 Shadow 200 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle June 19 during “preventive maintenance daily” on Forward Operating Base Fenty in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.



# Community mourns five Soldiers

by MARK HEETER  
Bavarian News

The Schweinfurt community, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Vanguards, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team memorialized five Soldiers during two memorial ceremonies this week.

Sgt. Bacilio E. Cuellar, 24, of Odessa, Texas; Cpl. James E. Lundin, 20, of Bellport, N.Y.; and Cpl. Joshua M. Moore, 20, of Russellville, Ky.; all members of Company C, 1-18 Inf., died May 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when the vehicle they were in struck an improvised explosive device.

A memorial ceremony was held in their honor June 20 at the Ledward Chapel.

Sgt. Shawn E. Dressler, 22, of Santa Maria, Calif., died June 2 and Spc. Joshua D. Brown, 26, of Tampa, Fla., both of Company A, 1-18 Inf., died June 3 of wounds suffered when an



Lundin

improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle during combat operations June 2 in Baghdad, Iraq. They were memorialized in a ceremony June 21 at the Ledward Chapel.

Pfc. Richard Albertson, in remarks that were read at the ceremony by Pfc. Stanley Via, recalled Moore as his best friend and always good for a laugh.

“Moore could always manage to make you laugh. He would always go up to you and be like, ‘How’s daddy’s little girl doin’ today?’” he quipped.

“You could always count on him to do a job and do it right,” Richardson said, noting that Moore would make every effort to fix someone’s communications equipment, even at 2 o’clock in the morning.

“Not only was he a great (radio and telephone operator), he was a good friend,” Richardson said.



Moore

Pfc. Kade Levy read remarks of Staff Sgt. David Rothe, one of Lundin’s leaders who spoke at the memorial service in Iraq.

“Spc. Lundin was a very unique and special person,” said Rothe, who recalled that he could frustrate you and make you laugh at the same time with his sense of humor.

“I think the fact that, at any given time, he had 20 ashtrays in his room has to set some type of record,” Rothe said, adding that Lundin always insisted he had “360 degree mobility and (would) still have an available ashtray.”

“There is no replacing a guy like Lundin. We can all be thankful for having known him,” he said.

Staff Sgt. Luis Castro relayed the remarks that Sgt. Joshua Szlachciuk gave in Iraq to remember “Bozzy” Cuellar.



Dressler

“Back in Schweinfurt, Bozzy would come into my room to make sure I was awake in the morning before PT. Bozzy would make me sit and listen to his heavy metal and try to teach me names of bands, and who did what in the band,” Szlachciuk said.

He recalled joining fellow squad members on a trip to the hospital to visit the Cuellar Family upon the birth of Cayden, one of Bozzy’s three sons.

“This past year, I can’t think of a memory without Bozzy in it. I will miss you Bozzy, and so will the rest of us,” he said.

Spc. Matthew Tois, in remarks presented by Spc. Nathan Scott, told the congregation that Dressler was an avid turkey hunter and was thrilled that his rest-and-recuperation leave was scheduled during season.

“Sgt. Dressler and I have spent many hours on tower guard and he



Cuellar

was always talking about his family and his wife. Not only was he a loving son and husband, but he was an outstanding person all around,” Tolios said.

“He was a tremendous asset to the platoon, being the universal Soldier he was. He was able to shift from gun team leader to Bradley gunner, and end up in his last duty position as a dismount team leader. No matter where he was, though, he was always the guy that would bring a smile on anyone’s face,” he said.

All the Soldiers shared a special bond for one reason, according to Capt. Rickey Torres, who offered the earlier remarks of Lt. Col. George Glaze, Task Force Vanguard commander.

They all died doing the thing they loved – Soldiering – and with the men they loved, Glaze said.



Brown

## Fallen Dagger Brigade troops honored

by MARK HEETER  
Bavarian News

The Dagger Brigade and Schweinfurt military community bid farewell to two of its own in a memorial service at the Ledward Chapel June 25.

Staff Sgt. Juan F. Campos, 27, from Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, died June 1 at Brooke Army Medical Center of wounds sustained when his unit was attacked by insurgents using improvised explosive devices and rocket propelled grenades May 14 in Baghdad, Iraq.

Sgt. Kimell L. Watt, 21, of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, died June 3 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

Campos re-joined the Army and came to the Blue Spaders in 2003, having been honorably discharged from a three-year enlistment nine days before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

“Juan moved quickly up the ladder, and within five months had a squad of his own,” said Sgt. DeQuinn Nickerson, who read the remarks



Watt

of Staff Sgt. Christopher Cunningham at the memorial service.

“He always had a smile on his face, and I always looked up to him,” Cunningham said of Campos, whom he called a friend. “That’s not a word I’ve used loosely in my 10 years in the Army.”

Staff Sgt. Raja Richardson, relaying the remarks of Capt. Cecil Strickland, called Campos “perfect for the job” of leading a small unit of Soldiers.

“Staff Sgt. Campos always led from the front,” Strickland said, calling him a “great leader, good friend, and a loving husband and father.”

Capt. Jacob White read the remarks of Lt. Col. Eric Schacht, Task Force Blue Spader commander, who remembered seeing Campos in action during the OIF II deployment in 2004.

“Juan loved being a Soldier and loved leading Soldiers,” Schacht said, noting that Campos was slated for an assignment as a trainer at the U.S. Army Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Ga.

“He would have made a phenomenal trainer,” he said.



Campos

Watt, the youngest noncommissioned officer in his platoon, was recalled as a hard worker who helped his Soldiers accomplish their tasks more quickly.

“He never let his rank, or the fact that he got his rank so fast, prevent him from getting his hands dirty,” said Capt. Robert Collier, who quoted the remarks that Capt. Timothy Lynch gave at an earlier memorial service.

“Charlie Battery didn’t lose an NCO, but a friend,” said Sgt. Gabriel Meyle, relaying the remarks of Spc. Hykeen Parker, who remembered the first time he met Watt. Both in their physical training uniforms, the lower-ranking Parker had the new sergeant do push-ups on the first morning they met.

“At formation, it turned out he was in the section as I was....That’s when the practical jokes began,” Parker said.

Lt. Col. Robert Whittle, Task Force Guardian commander, quoted 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William Moss, who was badly burned in the attack that killed Watt.

“Sgt. Watt was one of the most intelligent Soldiers I ever worked with,” Moss said. “He was an outstanding NCO and an even better man.”

Campos is survived by his wife, Jamie Drury-Campos; stepson, Andres Ibarra; mother, Maria Campos; four brothers; and two sisters.

Watt is survived by his parents Clifton and Naomi Watt, six brothers and five sisters.

## ‘JUST A BEAUTIFUL KID’ Local teen mourned after unexpected death

by MARK HEETER  
Bavarian News

If you didn’t get a chance to see that layup, you missed something really special.

“He had the ugliest layup. It was like he was all crunched up. But it went in. It would really go in,” said a smiling Randal Little, 15, who spent many hours on the basketball court with Justin Schacht.

“It didn’t look pretty all the time, but he’d duck his head and go to the hole,” said Ronald Daniels, the lead program assistant at the Middle School Zone and basketball coach who helped develop Justin and that layup.

Justin, 15, the son of Lt. Col. Eric and Amy Schacht, died unexpectedly in the Family’s home in Askren Manor housing area June 21. He had returned earlier in the day from a trip to Italy with Club Beyond, another of his passions. The cause of death is under investigation by German and American authorities, who have ruled out the possibility of foul play.

“Justin was the kid who acted his age. He was happy to be doing what he was doing and had a whole lot of fun. At the same time he was very sensitive,” Daniels said. “This kid didn’t have one bad bone in his body. I can’t say that for a lot of people. I can’t even say that about myself. He was a good guy, just a beautiful kid,” he said.

In addition to his active membership in Club Beyond and Youth Services basketball among other activities, Justin was one of the charter

members of Passport to Manhood at the MSZ.

“He was one of the first kids to do it with me, and he didn’t get credit for that,” Daniels said, adding that the program is now a pilot site and greatly expanded its activities last year.

“If I didn’t have that core group in 2004, I couldn’t do those things now,” he said. Friends recalled the boy whose entry the MSZ staff would greet with a simple, “J. Schacht!” a la Norm entering the bar at “Cheers.”

“He was a really sweet kid. He’d always have a smile on his face. He’ll be really missed at school,” said Miranda McConnell, who is entering her senior year and remembers Justin from tutorial at the high school.

“He was friendly with everybody, and he always tried to cheer people up,” said Jonathan Torres, 17.

“I would go to the movies with him. He was funny. He could definitely make some good jokes,” said Forte Cunningham, who remembered Justin’s great improvement on the basketball court over the past year.

In addition to his parents, Justin is survived by his older sister Meagan; younger brother Brian; grandparents Allen & Judy Schacht; Col. (Ret) John & Susie Motes; and Steve & Jane Roberts.

A graveside service and burial was held at 10 a.m. June 29 at Arlington National Cemetery.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made by writing a check or money order made out to “Military Community Youth

Ministry Europe.”

Write “Justin Schacht Camp Scholarship Fund” in the memo area. Checks and money orders may be mailed to CMR 419, Box 1636, APO AE 09102.

Donations will support the Club Beyond youth group in the Schweinfurt military community.



Justin Schacht, 15

## AFN radio connects Soldiers, Families

by KIMBERLY GEARHART  
Bavarian News

Family members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 91<sup>st</sup> Cavalry (Airborne), as well as the rest of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne, will have the opportunity to hear from Soldiers and commanders downrange—on AFN radio.

Members of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade in Germany are participating in live radio call-ins with Sgt. Jonathan McDonald, a broadcaster with AFN in Wuerzburg. The first call-in with the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 91<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, was July 2.

“They did this last week with one of the units in Vicenza. All the Family members had really good feedback,” McDonald said.

The 7 a.m. call-in will occur every Monday with 173rd units in Germany participating each week.

Soldiers will be selected to participate in the show, which will be conducted over the phone. Family members can listen for a chance to hear their loved ones, and to learn a little bit about what their Soldiers are doing in Afghanistan.

“It’s an opportunity for them to let people at home know what’s going on down there” especially the good things, like school building, that are often left out of traditional new reports, McDonald said.

At the moment, Family members will not be able to call in and speak with their Soldiers, or pose questions, nor do AFN representatives know ahead of time which Soldiers from the unit will be making that Monday morning call.

However, in the future, there may be two-way communication established, and at that point, Family members will get prior notification so they may speak with their Soldiers on-air, said Jacques Bannamon, broadcast operations director for AFN in Wuerzburg.

“We want to facilitate connectivity and quality of life for both the Soldiers downrange and Families here at home,” Bannamon said.

Tune in to AFN on AM 1143, channel 11 on AFN TV, or channels 64/65 if receiving your AFN signal via antenna.

The next call-in date for 1-91 CAV will be July 30, at 7 a.m.

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# Fourth of July good times



*Photo by Mark Heeter*  
Rainy weather for much of the day did not keep away the crowds, who stayed on board until the fireworks show after nightfall during the **U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt** Fourth of July celebration at Kessler Field.



*Photo by Nicole Karsch-Meibom*  
**U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg** Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tom Wild leads the pack at the start of the 5K/10K run held July 4 at Bamberg. More than 40 people participated in this early event before hundreds showed up to enjoy the Independence Day festivities at Friendship Park.



Children from the **U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr** community enjoyed the festive atmosphere, rides, and games during the garrison's 2007 Fourth of July celebrations at Vilseck Army Airfield.  
*Photo by Bilyana Atova*



Sgt. 1st Class Brenda Thomas, of the 2-159 Aviation Regiment, and her daughter, Staci, compete in the women's pie eating contest as part of the July 4 **U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach** Independence Day festivities at the Apache Club on Storck Barracks in Illesheim.  
*Photo by Ronald Toland Jr.*



Festivities at **U.S. Army Garrison Hohenfels'** Independence Day celebrations included a pie-eating contest at the Sportsplatz July 4.  
*Photo by Norbert Wittl*

## Bikers with heart: German, U.S. motorcyclists get cuddly to participate in orphanage Toy Run



*Courtesy photos*  
A group of local German and American motorcycle enthusiasts participated in a Toy Run last month to benefit the Gottesguete orphanage in Oberlauringen. Two hundred and twenty motorcycles assembled in the Schweinfurt Marktplatz, intent on riding out to the orphanage with nearly 4,000 Euro, 250 toys, and a message of partnership and hope as part of this annual event.



# Honest communication key to overcoming deployment stress

*Stay in contact with friends, community resources*

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lot of stress, so fights are normal,” said Vicky Moore, of Grafenwoehr’s Social Work Services Family Advocacy Program. “The little fighting is very normal, unintentionally started, as long as they do not become large.”

But, said Moore, it is important that fights be kept as small as possible, especially when one recognizes that it is a “deployment fight.”

“It is important for the Family to recognize what they are going through, so they can sit

down as a Family and plan how they will cope with it,” she said.

In addition to recognizing what she called “deployment fights,” arguments that are raised due to the stress of the upcoming deployment, it’s a good idea for Families to try and be more understanding toward one another at this time. Knowing what to expect (increased stress and arguments) can go a long way in helping Families overcome the arguments.

Other common symptoms of pre-deployment stress include shortened tempers, difficulty sleeping, and trouble concentrating, according to Lt. Col. Telita Crosland, the Grafenwoehr Health Clinic commander.

Crosland said these symptoms are not unique to the Soldier or the individual Family member, but that both Soldiers and Family members often experience the same stressors and symptoms during pre-deployment.

To help reduce stress, Crosland said the individuals should first “recognize that it is stress and to some extent normal.

“Once you do that,” she said, “you should talk honestly about what you feel and how you feel.”

And remember, she said, that everyone is going through the same emotions. No one is alone.

“A lot of people feel like it is just them (going through it), but it is not, we just cope differently,” Crosland said.

Most experts agree that one of the best ways to deal with pre-stress deployment is with open, honest communication between all Family members.

“It is essential for the Family to communicate, to talk openly about their fears and concerns,” Moore explained.

It is strongly recommended that before the Soldier leaves, the Family should talk about their feelings concerning the separation. This discussion should include the whole Family.

This will allow Family members to get a better idea of what is expected and work out solutions for identified problems, said Moore.

“The other half of it,” said Brown, is planning.

“Plan how you are going to handle Family emergencies, how you are going to cope (with various scenarios during the deployment), and plan ahead,” she said.

Moore agreed, explaining that stress levels can be reduced simply by taking away the stress of not knowing how emergencies will be handled during the deployment.

“It is also important for the Soldiers to feel that everything is going to be taken care of,” said Moore.

“It is good for the spouses to prepare with everything so Soldiers do not have to worry about them,” agreed Simone Hartley, of U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr’s Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program.

This will also delete pressure from spouses who may feel they are left alone to handle all of the Family issues while the Soldier is deployed.

She also explained the importance of spouses sharing with their loved ones what is going on with them.

How much stress Family members will suffer will depend greatly on how well they are able to communicate during the pre-deployment.

While communication is key, communicating in a “healthy” way is just as important, said Hartley.

She suggested Family members use “I”

statements, such as “I feel that...” to express their emotions without blaming or accusing the other person. This takes the “attack” element out of the communication.

Deployment specialists also recommend that Soldiers reassure Family members that they will be missed. While it may seem obvious to let a spouse or child know they will be missed, Brown said it is crucial.

“Both sides should reassure each other that they will work it through, they will stay committed (to the relationship and Family during deployment),” she said.

Moore said Families who are going through a deployment for the first time link up with more seasoned military Families.

“It is very helpful for Families to talk with someone who has been through it, and can give them some advice,” she said.

After deployment, the importance of maintaining emotional wellbeing and reducing stress continues.

“Communication with friends and other spouses is significant to reducing stress (even after the deployment),” said Moore, who suggested local Family Readiness Groups as a great source of support. “It is very important for the spouses left behind to have a close friendship, somebody they can talk with.”

She said for those who are hesitant to share their feelings with others, she said other Families are likely experiencing the same emotions.

Crosland advised Families to take advantages of several of community resources that are helpful before, during, and after the deployment.

She said counselors who specialized in deployment are available twice a week at the Grafenwoehr Health Clinic. Crosland said the clinic hopes to offer a permanent counselor in the future.

Hartley noted that ACS is tailoring their Couples Communication Class for deployments, and suggested Families consider attending the class which is held every Friday at Vilseck’s ACS. She said the class will help Families continue to communicate effectively over long distances.

ACS is also conducting a pre-deployment fair today from 11:30 to 6 p.m., tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

# DoD banking on grassroots innovation

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academia, and elsewhere to help achieve that goal.

After all, he noted, it was the opportunity to win a prize that drove Charles Lindbergh to make the first nonstop trans-Atlantic flight.

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency has experienced similar successes using a contest to attract competitors to develop innovative unmanned vehicles able to navigate a 132-mile course through the Mojave Desert.

Now the Defense Research and Engineering Office is hoping to tap into that same competitive spirit to develop longer-duration, lighter-weight power supplies.

Three prizes will be awarded in November 2008: \$1 million, \$500,000 and \$250,000.

Competitors have until Nov. 30 to register for the competition. Everyone — private citizens, companies, international organizations — is eligible, Rees said, although the lead member of all teams must be a U.S. citizen.

“If one of them thinks that they can hit it out of the park on this, we are not prejudiced about the origin of it,” Rees said. “We just want to lighten the pack load for our folks in uniform.”

Entries are expected to run the gamut. Rees said he envisions creative ways to generate power on the battlefield, from solar generators to devices that capture the power created when a soldier’s boot hits the ground.

“We want a prototype,” he said. “We want something that is a little bit more than your standard duct tape and baling wire, but it is still a prototype. It doesn’t have to be a finished system, but it has to demonstrate what we need it to do.”

Lightening troops’ loads will go a long way toward boosting their effectiveness, he said.

“Look at what it is that drives success in battle. It’s inevitably a combination of training and your ability to have decision making on your feet,” Rees said. “And that ability to have decision making is directly reduced by your fatigue. The more weight we can take off your back, the better your decision making in battle.”

Information about the technical details, contest rules and qualification requirements is posted on the Defense Department Web site. A forum to be held in Washington in September will review these details for potential competitors.

# Family begins life together in earnest after deployment

by MEGAN HAN

Special to the American Forces Press Service

Imagine being married for almost 18 months, but spending only one of those months together. That is exactly what Scott and Katie Horrigan experienced when Scott — an Army captain who commands the 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment’s Alpha Company — deployed with the 10th Mountain Division in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Scott and Katie wed on New Year’s Eve 2005, one month before Scott was due to deploy to Afghanistan. He returned with his battalion on May 31, 2007, exactly 17 months after he and Katie got married.

Even without the impending deployment, the first month of the Horrigans’ marriage was a lot to handle. They learned Katie had become pregnant on their honeymoon, and they quickly bought a home in Watertown, N.Y. With Katie in Denver completing her nursing degree, Scott sent Katie real estate listings online.

Katie went on to face several other challenges during Scott’s deployment. She gave birth to their son, Mitchell, on Oct. 4, 2006, as Scott listened in on speakerphone from halfway around the world in Afghanistan. She welcomed Scott home for two weeks of leave in November and then learned two months later that Scott’s deployment would be extended by 120 days.

Army families anxiously await their soldier’s return from a deployment, but Scott and Katie were especially excited for their reunion — they’d finally have the opportunity to be together as newlyweds and as a

family for the first time.

Homecomings are a time for preparation and excitement, and Katie did all she could to have things just right for Scott’s return.

“I ate really healthy, I did a lot of work on the house to be sure things were done before Scott got here, and I tried to help Mitchell begin sleeping through the night,” she said. Katie also was working against the clock to have their kitchen renovation complete so she could have fresh, homemade cookies waiting for Scott.

“My friends from home joked that I would have a plate of Oreos on the counter, but I made sure I found a way to bake cookies for Scott. I thought that would be a great way to say, ‘Welcome home to our new house.’” she said.

After Katie and Scott learned that the deployment would be extended, preparation quickly turned into anticipation of being back together.

“I was extremely scared and nervous for the originally scheduled homecoming in January,” Katie said. “Scott and I experienced so many changes, and I worried about being able to adjust together. But after the news of the extension, the homecoming became more about him being home safe and less about how our lives would be. ... I just wanted him home.”

The separation wasn’t easy for Scott. “The toughest part was not being at Mitchell’s birth; I know that is something I will never be able to make up,” he said. “Katie was always quick to take a picture or a video, and although a poor substitute for the real thing, it allowed me to experience special moments. ... but I was ready to be there experiencing them with her.”

It’s not easy to go from one environment to another; Scott reunited with his new family in a new house, and he did so after returning from a forward operating base that he commanded along a dangerous border region between Afghanistan and Pakistan. But the adjustment has been pleasant.

“Just being with Katie and Mitchell has allowed me to decompress and be relieved of the stress of the deployment,” he said. “It’s been great.”

Despite the delay, Katie is finding her new life rewarding. “I am so happy to have Scott home safe again,” she said. “The best part about having him home is being able to enjoy the changes that have occurred in our life. ... It has been very rewarding to finally share the experiences of being newlyweds, new parents and new homeowners together.”

The couple is facing a few challenges now that Scott is back, but Katie expressed her optimism with a laugh and a big smile.

“Well, considering we are both stubborn Germans with Irish tempers, I’m pretty sure there will always be challenges for us,” she said. “But we always work through everything.”

Scott acknowledged it has been difficult jumping into both the role of husband and father.

“My last experience here was as a single man with an apartment and really no other responsibilities than work,” he said. “While I was gone, Katie managed to build a family, of which I was the final piece in the puzzle. The father role has been the most difficult. I had never been around babies before, but now I find myself alone with Mitchell trying to figure out solutions for problems. ... But

along with Katie, I’m surviving.”

Katie shared that all the new thrilling things in their life also can cause some stress for her. She said she realizes there will be an adjustment period.

“It’s great having Scott home; however, I wouldn’t say that things are less stressful,” she said. “Yes, I no longer have to worry about him being at war, and that is a stress that I am very glad to be rid of. But, now, we have the stresses of being newly married and never living together, being new parents together, and being new homeowners all at once.

“My biggest challenge has been letting Scott do things the way he wants to do them,” she continued. “I have gotten very used to doing things my way after being alone for 16 months, and it is hard for me to realize

that it’s OK to do things other ways.”

Throughout the homecoming experience, Scott and Katie have realized the importance of working with each other to overcome challenges they face during the transition.

“Katie developed a routine that I am not used to, ... and it takes a lot of patience from both of us, a lot of understanding and just talking to each other,” Scott said. “We both had our own way, and now it’s time for us to develop our way of doing things.”

Scott said he and Katie “know how to take things in stride, and when it becomes difficult, I just remind myself to be more patient.”

(Megan Han is the wife of Army Capt. Pierre Hanof of the 10th Mountain Division’s 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment.)



Courtesy photo

**Capt. Scott Horrigan, a company commander with the 10th Mountain Division is reunited with wife, Katie, and son, Mitchell, upon redeployment from Afghanistan.**



# German military service mandatory, focuses on worldwide humanitarianism

by MARTINA BIAS  
Bavarian News Food & Culture Columnist

The German Army is called Bundeswehr (literally: Federation - Defense). When looking at Germany's Armed Forces, one has to keep the country's recent history in mind.

Naturally, the German army is not as focused on strength to conquer enemies. Its main objective is the protection of the German population and assisting with humanitarian needs around the world.

For this purpose, the Bundeswehr is not strictly a volunteer army like its American counterpart.

The German army is based in large part on compulsory military service.

German males can expect to hear from the Bundeswehr at about age of 17 and a half years.

### Notification

That is the time he will be notified to attend a "Musterung" (military medical and psychological examination) to see if he is considered "tauglich" (suitable) for service, or if he is excused from service for various reasons.

At the time of the physical and mental assessment, it is also determined what area of service the prospective soldier is most qualified for.

Personal interests and requests will be considered during this determination. The Musterung is deferred if a young boy is in the middle of a professional apprenticeship or degree program until the program has been completed.

Compulsory military service in Germany has a duration of nine months. During this time the soldier is completely taken care of by the military.

He is provided with shelter, food, clothes, and medical treatment.

### Military salary

In addition, he receives a monthly pay that is based on longevity. For example, for the first three months, he receives Euro 222.30 every 30 days, by the time he reaches his seventh month it is Euro 268.50.

The soldier can choose to voluntarily extend his service time and his pay will increase accordingly.

A soldier between his nineteenth and twenty-third month of service to his country can expect a pay of 675 Euros a month.

(All figures are based on information at the time of writing.)

The German military also reimburses for travel expenses to the caserne and pays a bonus at Christmas. Upon leaving the military, the departing soldier will receive a separation payment.

During the nine months of compulsory service, a soldier has the right to 19 days of paid vacation. The first three months of service are basic training.

New soldiers learn about their rights and duties, study politics, receive weapons training, work on physical fitness, and first aid.

At the end of this basic training, they take their oath declaring "to serve their country faithfully and to defend the rights and freedom of the German population with courage." They then start working and training in their chosen field.

### Breakdown of German army

The German Bundeswehr has 392 casernes, 68 of which are located in Bavaria.

Women joined the German army in 1975 and since 2001 all areas of service are open to them. As of May 2005, six percent of all German soldiers were females.

To get to this point, German women had to fight for the "right" to serve their country with a weapon. Of course, you can chose to make the German army a career, as well.

Since 1973, the Bundeswehr operates two universities for their officers, and many fields of study are open for soldiers who would like to become pilots for example, or want to work as civilians in the administration of the army.

Once you leave German military service, you are automatically considered a reservist.

This means that you can be called upon again if your field of specialty is needed, and would be done only during an extreme national crisis.

If you feel that your physical fitness and health has been altered drastically since your time of service, you may furnish a physician's assessment and request to be removed from the recall list for these reasons.

As with many controversial mandatory requirements, there is an alternative for those who feel that military service violates their personal rights.

### Other forms of civil service

From the beginnings of the Bundeswehr, each German youth has had the right to a conscientiously object to service with a weapon. This option has become more popular in recent years.

For those who object and enter into other forms of civil service, there is also a nine-month requirement. The law requires that this civil duty be done either in the area of social work or environmental protection.

Areas a conscientious objector can choose to work in are old- people homes or hospitals, for example, or he may chose to assist with handicapped people or with projects that restore nature and animal habitats.

As a matter of fact, due to the shortage of care personnel, many medical and retirement facilities depend heavily on young people chosing to serve their country in this way.

A friend of mine worked at a retirement home with a care facility for the duration of his civil service and reported a new appreciation for life, a better understanding of



Photo by Katie Cowart

**Celebrating after just being sworn into the German army, these soldiers are just beginning their mandatory nine months of service.**

the older generation, and the wonderful feeling to do something that makes a difference in someone else's life.

These are certainly experiences that many young people can benefit from as they are trying to find their place in life.

# Mix traditions this summer with Currywurst

by MARTINA BIAS  
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It seems that every country has its own distinguished fast food items. While the Greek and Turkish enjoy a quick Gyros pita or Doener, Italians grab a slice of pizza, while their U.S. counterparts reach for the All-American hamburger or hot dog.

For Germans, fast food could mean a Bratwurst, Wiener (German hot dog), Schaschlik (German kabob in a spicy sauce), or Currywurst (thick German hot dog with a curry ketchup sauce).

As a matter of fact, in a survey, Currywurst was dubbed Germany's favorite lunch choice at the Kantine (cafeteria). It is estimated that over 800 million Currywurst are sold in Germany annually.

Just like other fast food, Schaschlik and Currywurst are often a lot tastier when prepared at home. In both cases, the preparation at home gives you the chance to

adjust the spices to your liking.

When you chose to fry a Schaschlik in your own frying pan or deep fryer, you can chose your own cuts of meat, avoid or select the various pieces of organs (liver, heart, kidneys) that you might encounter at the Imbiss Stand (Snack Shack) and give your palate a more pleasing taste experience than if you settle for the often chewy and dried-out purchased version.

The simplest way to prepare Currywurst is to use purchased Curryketchup available in the condiments aisle of most German grocery stores and sprinkle some additional curry powder on top. You can also mix your own curry-ketchup by combing the two ingredients to suit your tastes.

For a spicier version you can turn up the heat with spicy paprika or cayenne pepper. The recipe for a homemade curry-ketchup-sauce follows below.

The signature sauce that is poured over

Schaschlik is also available in bottled form at the German grocery store. Look for Schaschlikososse.

If you have a little extra time, try the special homemade sauce (a variation of the curry-ketchup sauce)a German friend of mine shared with me and that has become a family favorite.

Enjoy the two recipes for a typical German meal and round them out with the customary Broetchen or Pommes (French Fries).

*Guten Apetit!*

### Currywurst

1 pound Bockwurst or Fleischwurst (if not available, you may substitute hot dogs for similar taste results)

Curry-Ketchup Sauce:

- 1 Tbs. margarine or oil
- 2 Tbs. finely minced onion
- 2-4 Tbs. good quality curry powder
- 1/2 to 1 Tbs. sweet or spicy paprika
- 2 cups ketchup
- 1 cup water
- additional curry, if desired

For the sauce, sauté the onion in the margarine or oil until it is transparent (do not brown.)

Add curry powder and paprika to onions and quickly sauté just to bring out the flavor.

Add the ketchup and water. Simmer uncovered until the sauce is the thickness you prefer.

Taste and adjust seasonings if desired.

Heat oil in a pan. Cut the Bockwurst or Fleischwurst into bite-size pieces or make several diagonal cuts about one inch apart and a quarter of an inch deep along one side of the sausage.

Fry sausage in hot oil until lightly browned.

Place on serving plate and top with sauce.

Sprinkle with additional curry, if desired.

**Yield: 4 – 6 servings**

### Schaschlik

1 pound of marbled beef or pork meat, cubed; cubed heart, liver or kidney, optional

- 2 medium onions, cut into wedges
- 1 red or green bell pepper, cut into 1 to 2- inch pieces
- 1 pound bacon slices, rolled up individually
- 1 Tbs. oil
- 1 tsp. paprika
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- oil for frying
- additional paprika and curry, if desired

Alternating ingredients, thread meat cubes, organ cubes (if desired), onion wedges, bell pepper pieces and rolled-up bacon on kabob skewers.

Mix oil with spices and brush over kabobs. Fry in hot oil in frying pan, or deep fry until nicely browned and meat has reached the desired doneness (be sure to cook pork all the way through).

Place on serving platter and top with Schaschlikososse.

Sprinkle with paprika and curry, if desired.

**Yield: 8 servings**

### Rudi's Schaschlikososse

- 2 Tbs. oil or margarine
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 ½ cups diced onion
- 2 tsp curry
- 2 tsp. paprika (mild or spicy, according to your preference)
- ½ tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 3 cups ketchup

In a sauce pan, sauté bell pepper and onion until tender.

Add remaining ingredients and mix well.

Simmer for 10 minutes.

Serve over Schaschlik or as a sauce to any grilled meat.

Refrigerate any remaining sauce for future use.

**Yield: about 6 cups**

**Tip!** If you have a little extra time: Your

Schaschlik will be even tastier if you place the fried kabobs in a baking dish, top with sauce, cover with aluminum foil and bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes.



Courtesy photo

Currywurst is often served with Pommes or Broetchen. Additional curry may be added on top of the curry sauce to suit individual taste.



# Grafenwoehr defeats Ramstein, 16-12, in finals to win tourney

Story and photos by BILYANAATOVA  
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Grafenwoehr's Coronas softball team defeated Kaiserslautern's Eagles 8-7 July 1 to advance in the U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr Open Softball Triple Eliminator Invitational Tournament.

The tournament was held June 29 - July 1 at the Grafenwoehr softball complex. It was a triple elimination tournament that attracted 11 teams from all over Germany.

Teams from as far away as Rammstein and Darmstadt to Grafenwoehr to participate, alongside the garrison's local teams.

"The purpose of the tourney is for the winner to have bragging rights," said Tony Lee, Grafenwoehr's MWR chief of recreation programming of the reason so many teams made the trip.

The Eagles earned the right to face the Coronas by scoring a dramatic victory over Darmstadt, 15-14, when the Eagles scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Eagles came out hot by taking a 2-0 lead over the Coronas after the first inning. They increased the lead in the second to 6-2.

At the beginning of the third, the Coronas shifted their left-center fielder to a short field position, which seemed to hamper the Eagles batters.

Coronas' batters started warming up in their half of the third and they began chipping away at the lead.

By the time the Coronas came up to bat in the bottom of the sixth, the lead was diminished to a close 7-5. Things did not look very promising for the Coronas as they quickly recorded two outs.

But the Coronas came alive and scored three runs to take the lead, 8-7. The inning ended in a bit of controversy when Coronas left-fielder Rodrigo Contreras was caught off second base and the shortstop quickly fired the ball to the



**Grafenwoehr beat Kaiserslautern, 8-7 to advance in the U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr Open Softball Triple Eliminator Invitational Tournament July 1.**

second baseman.

It appeared that Contreras made it back to the bag safely, but none of the umpires made a call. After all three of the officials conferred on the play, the home plate umpire called Contreras out.

The Eagles came to bat at the top of the seventh knowing they had to score at least one run to keep the game going, but the Coronas defense shut them down, and the Eagles went three up and three down to give the victory to the Coronas.

Coronas coach Jack Petterson said after the game "I always expect to win." and he added "The competition is hard, there are a lot of

very excellent teams."

Later in the afternoon, the Coronas defeated the Ramstein Air Base team, 16-12, in the finals to win the tournament. Rodrigo Contreras of the 12<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company said after going into the tournament that "I expected to win the tournament, be competitive and to bring the championship home to Grafenwoehr. We played well, but not to our expectations."

Contreras along with James Haas, James Segreue, and James Youngue were named to the all tournament team.

The Coronas was made up primarily of players from the Grafenwoehr Community Softball team which has a 2-2 record this season.



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## Vilseck All Stars end season in Germany district playoffs

by DAVID NELSON

Special to the Bavarian News

The Vilseck 13- and 14-year-old All-Star team wrapped up their season by participating in the Germany District Little League playoffs hosted by Ramstein June 20 - 24.

Although Vilseck had a tough time getting a victory, the team was very competitive in every game they played. Vilseck had the toughest draw in the tournament by playing the top seeded teams in their first two games and faced the opponents' top pitchers.

The first game was against Kaiserslautern Military Community. KMC jumped out to a 8-0

lead in the first two innings, but Vilseck fought back.

Chris Nelson entered the game in the fourth inning in relief and held Ramstein scoreless for two and two-thirds innings.

Vilseck scored two in the third with hits by Louis Solis, Chris Nelson, and Roberto Miranda. Vilseck then scored four more in the sixth with a double by Louis Solis, a single by Nelson, three walks, and several stolen bases and passed balls.

Ramstein put up one run in the sixth and Vilseck came back to score two in the seventh on hits by Kailyn Smithson and Trey Lawhorn and many stolen bases and passed balls. **Ramstein scored another in the bottom of the**

**seventh to win the game 10-8.** Noteworthy play turned in for Vilseck by Jarrod Alston, Chris Nelson, Louis Solis, and Roberto Miranda.

### Game No. 2

The second game was against Stuttgart and it was more of the same. Stuttgart jumped out to a 6-0 lead, but Vilseck fought back.

Vilseck got three back on singles by Dominick Lonowski and Chris Nelson, doubles by Herberto Troche and Roberto Miranda, and a single by Jarrod Alston.

The score stayed that way until the fifth inning when Vilseck scored three more to tie the game on singles by Troche, Miranda, Alston, and Trey Lawhorn.

**Stuttgart then exploded for 10 runs in their last at bat which was too much for Vilseck to overcome, and the final score was 16-8.**

Noteworthy play for Vilseck was turned in by Lawhorn, Troche, and Miranda who each had three hits in the game.

### Game No. 3

Game three was Heidelberg versus Vilseck. Heidelberg scored seven runs before Chris Nelson was brought in to relieve and shut Heidelberg down for the rest of the rain shortened game.

**Vilseck fought back and scored five runs before the rains came and ended the game in the fifth inning with Vilseck losing 7-5.**

Chris Nelson struck out five in two innings of scoreless relief, and Jarod Alston had a triple.

The Vilseck Juniors would like to thank the Vilseck Community & Spouses Club for their support. The VCSC provided the Little League registration fee and also funds to help defray the cost of lodging during the tournament.

We would also like to thank our Youth Sports Director Dan Frazier for his support in making our participation in this tournament possible.

The players represented Vilseck both on and off the field in an exemplary manner.



**Bottom row, from left: Chris Nelson, Herberto Troche, Dominick Lonowski, Alex Solis. Top row, from left: Coach David Nelson, Chris Gillespie, Louis Solis, Trey Lawhorn, Roberto Miranda, Kailyn Smithson, Jarrod Alston, and Coach Eric Smithson.**

## Sports Briefs

### Flag football officials clinic, tourney planned

IMCOM-E's MWR training center will host a certification clinic for flag football officials July 24-28, along with a clinic tournament at Tompkins Barracks in Schwetzingen.

Kurt Klier, director of the intramural sports program at the University of Maryland, will oversee instruction during the five-day class.

For more information, call Hlavacek at DSN 373-7693 or Tom Benson, Heidelberg Sports Office, at DSN 373-6460. To enter the July 28 six-team tournament, contact Benson.

### Sign up for men's, women's softball

Community level softball league, going on now through August in Grafenwoehr. For more information, contact Mike Bradfish in Graf at DSN 475-9024/9007, Carl Boothe in Vilseck at DSN 476-2214/2998, or Tony Lee in Graf at DSN 475-7576.

### SCUBA open water diver course dates set

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### Weekly Golf Scramble slated every Thursday

Join the weekly Thursday Night Scramble Golf Tournament at 5 p.m. at Bamberg's Whispering Pines Golf Course.

Entry fee is only \$5 per person. Please register by 4:30 p.m.

Tournament starts at 5 p.m. Call DSN 469-8953 for more information.

### CYS needs coaches for fall sports and fitness

If you are interested in helping area youth this fall, there is a great need for volunteer coaches for tackle football, soccer, and cheerleading. No experience is necessary. CYS will provide all the necessary training. Call CYS Central Registration at Graf, DSN 475-6656 or Vilseck, DSN 476-2760.

### Registration now open for CYS fall sports

Registration is currently being accepted for soccer, tackle football and cheerleading. New registrations will be accepted for soccer and tackle football through July 31 and for cheerleading through Aug. 15. Contact CYS Central Registration at Graf, DSN 475-6656 or Vilseck, DSN 476-2760.

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# General: Early troop pullout would leave Iraq ‘a mess’

by **GERRY J. GILMORE**  
*American Forces Press Service*

A premature withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq would leave the country at the mercy of its enemies, a senior U.S. military officer said Friday. Thanks to surge-provided reinforcements, U.S. and Iraqi security forces participating in Operation Marne Torch are now making “significant progress” in knocking out insurgent sanctuaries located within his battle space, Army Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, commander of Multinational Division Center and the 3rd Infantry Division, said today during a satellite-carried teleconference with Pentagon reporters. However, “it would be a mess,” Lynch emphasized, if the surge forces were withdrawn as part of an early pullout of U.S. troops from Iraq before the mission is accomplished. “Those surge forces are giving us the capability we have now to take the

fight to the enemy,” the general said. “The enemy only responds to force, and we now have that force.” Operation Marne Torch is one of several ongoing operations that are part of an overall offensive against insurgents in Iraq called Operation Phantom Thunder, which began June 15, once all of the surge troops were in place. President Bush directed a deployment of about 30,000 additional U.S. troops to Iraq earlier this year as a surge of forces to assist the Iraqi government in confronting the insurgency. Since it was launched three weeks ago, Operation Marne Torch has netted 41 enemy weapons caches and

54 improvised explosive devices, and destroyed 45 boats used by the enemy to transport personnel and ordnance across local waterways, Lynch said. About 230 enemy fighters have been detained, including 28 high-value insurgents, he added. “We can conduct detailed kinetic strikes, we can do cordon and searches, and we can deny the enemy sanctuaries,” Lynch said. “If those surge forces go away that capability goes away, and the Iraqi security forces aren’t ready yet to do that (mission).” A drawdown of U.S. forces would embolden the insurgents, Lynch said. “You’d find the enemy regaining

ground, reestablishing sanctuaries, building more IEDs (and) carrying those IEDs to Baghdad, and the violence would escalate,” the general said. Current operations are directed at knocking out Sunni-insurgent strongholds in the Tigris River valley region, including the Arab Jabour area south of Baghdad, Lynch said, adding future operations will go after Shiite-insurgent sanctuaries. American and Iraqi troops are now manning 29 patrol bases situated across Lynch’s area of operations, which is about the size of West Virginia. About 70 percent of his area has been cleared of insurgent activity, he said. And, ongoing infrastructure improvements and jobs projects also are helping to make life better for local Iraqis, Lynch said. Iraqis in his region are fed up with insurgent-generated violence, Lynch said, noting that al Qaeda’s harsh

tactics in particular have backfired on the terrorist group. Meanwhile, Lynch’s soldiers and Iraqi security forces continue to make progress against insurgents. “I’ve got great confidence because I’ve got great soldiers,” Lynch said, noting that his troops remain determined to defeat the insurgents. “They want to fight terrorists here, so they don’t have to fight terrorists back home,” the general said. Lynch acknowledged the American public’s impatience with the pace of securing Iraq, but he cautioned against applying arbitrary dates and timelines in gauging success in a highly variable environment. “I now have the forces I need to conduct that mission,” Lynch said. “What I can’t tell you is how long it’s going to take to secure the population and defeat sectarian violence. “It’s going to take as long as it takes, and you just have to be sensitive to that,” he said.

## Don’t miss CTC registration

Central Texas College Vilseck/Grafenwoehr is offering the following three vocational-technical courses in the upcoming Term 1:

- AUMT 2413 - Manual Drive Trains & Axles (four credit hours);
- CDEC 1303 – Families, School & Community (three credit hours); and
- CJSA 1317 – Juvenile Justice System (three credit hours).

All three classes are classroom-based and lead to an Associate in Applied Science degree. All classes this term will be held in Vilseck at the Army Education Center or the CTC Auto Shop for the AUMT class. Term 1 registration is July 30 – Aug. 10 with late registration allowed up to Aug. 17. The class dates are Aug. 20 – Oct. 13.

Contact CTC field representative Chuck Sligh for more information on these and other available programs at DSN 476-2362 (CIV 09662-83-2362), or by e-mail at [vilseck@europe.ctcd.edu](mailto:vilseck@europe.ctcd.edu).



## Luau 2007

2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment Soldiers and the U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr Equal Opportunity Advisor Sgt. 1st Class Jacqueline Galloway participated in the 2007 Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebrations at Big Mike Lake in Vilseck June 23.

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